



Australian Government

RGRPSH415 Ride horses in races

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to follow pre-race and post-race routines, plan race strategies and use high-level riding skills, and report on races.

The unit applies to individuals who are approved to ride in official barrier races. They have high-level riding skills and experience suitable for riding in races conducted on racecourses in the thoroughbred code of the racing industry.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with applicable state/territory animal welfare and workplace health and safety legislative requirements.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant Principal Racing Authority (PRA) for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding.

Unit Sector

Performance services horse (PSH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Follow an appropriate pre-race and post-race routine	1.1 Weigh out at correct weight according to rules of racing 1.2 Prepare race gear and check for safety prior to race day and immediately prior to a race

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	1.3 Provide race meeting documentation to officials 1.4 Assess track features and racecourse conditions 1.5 Apply pre-race and post-race procedures that are appropriate to the rules of racing 1.6 Comply with starting procedures and instructions from racing officials
2. Plan and use appropriate race strategies and riding skills	2.1 Utilise speed maps and other forms of analysis to prepare for race 2.2 Warm horses up and down before and after race according to trainer's instructions and with regard to the rules of racing and animal welfare requirements 2.3 Use riding skills that are appropriate to a variety of track conditions and situations 2.4 Modify strategies appropriately as required during races and according to pace and how race is being run 2.5 Ensure race riding techniques applied conform to the rules of racing and are safe, competitive and meet public expectations
3. Report on race	3.1 Evaluate and report horse race performance 3.2 Report race incidents according to racetrack procedures 3.3 Apply protocol for communicating performance 3.4 Undertake a post-race assessment of own performance

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Learning	Reflect on own performance to determine areas of strength and improvement
Navigate the world of work	Comply with rules of racing and race protocols, and safe and ethical horse handling and race riding
Interact with	Follow racing protocols and practices for written and oral

Skill	Description
others	communication when reporting to and interacting with a range of racing personnel
Get the work done	• Use a range of information and instructions to plan and strategise race • Make appropriate judgement calls on race riding strategies based on a range of common racing scenarios and contingency situations • Anticipate and respond rapidly to changed circumstances in a race, including emergency situations

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH415 Ride horses in races	RGRPSH415A Ride horses in races	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor edits to performance criteria for clarity. Changed prerequisite.	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>

Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH415 Ride horses in races

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be documented evidence of the individual's race riding history, verified by the Principal Racing Authority, that the apprentice jockey is currently licensed, and that confirms the individual has ridden in at least 100 races on a variety of tracks, over a variety of distances, on a variety of horses, for a variety of trainers, demonstrating competitive and safe race riding skills.

There must also be evidence that the individual has, on a minimum of three occasions:

- reported on the effect of gear worn by horses, and recommended changes to the trainer
- implemented the trainer's, or owner's, pre-race instructions
- implemented changes to pre-race plan and explained why the change was instigated
- evaluated own and horse's performance.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- principles and practices of race riding, including:
 - common racehorse behaviour traits
 - individual horse characteristics, behaviour, form and history
 - predicted behaviour or racing style of opposition horses in race
 - race riding strategies
 - saddlery and other race gear
 - personal protective equipment and purpose for its use
 - techniques for whip use
 - track features, surfaces and conditions
 - drug testing procedures
 - types of race injury to horses
 - functions of rider agents

- relevant protocols and rules of racing related to riding in races:
 - Australian and local rules of racing for race riding
 - types and classes of races
 - handicapping system
 - industry terminology related to handling and racing horses
 - race meeting documentation
 - pre-race and post-race procedures
 - starting procedures
 - weighing procedures
 - drug testing procedures
 - reporting incidents
 - protocol for communicating performance – own and horse
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to riding horses in races:
 - communication procedures with race meeting personnel and wider racing industry
 - animal welfare requirements
 - safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, racetracks and registered race meetings
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various thoroughbred horses currently in training and assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer and racing official instructions and rules of racing.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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