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Modification History

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

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has implemented, evaluated and modified an exercise program for at least two racehorses, including for each:

- determined individual horse fitness for racing requirements
- followed trainer instructions and conditioning and training program for individual horse
- monitored and reviewed horse behaviour and positive and negative responses to exercise
- reviewed individual horse's race performance
- modified exercise program based on analysis of horse performance in consultation with others.

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 racehorse exercise programs:
 - industry terminology related to preparing horses for racing
 - stages of fitness and skill development that racehorses must undergo before they are ready to race
 - types of conditioning and training programs for racehorses
 - types and methods of exercising and conditioning horses for racing
 - benefits and disadvantages of exercise and conditioning techniques and equipment used
 - features of daily training or exercising program
- when to consult a veterinary practitioner
- factors affecting horse performance:
 - indicators and signs of horse poor performance, response to program and recovery
 - common illnesses and injuries of racing horse, and impacts on performance

- signs and symptoms of normal and distressed behaviour in horses
- roles and responsibilities of trainers, staff and officials in the care, exercise and management of racehorses:
 - stable protocols and procedures for pre-exercise and post-exercise or race care of horses
 - reporting requirements to stewards regarding post-race or post-trial performance
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to implementing racehorse exercise programs:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - workplace health and safety obligations and racing industry safe operating procedures
 - animal welfare requirements
 - relevant rules of racing.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racing training establishment workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of standardbred or thoroughbred horses
 - trainer instructions and workplace information, data and records on individual horses used in assessment activity.

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.

Links

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