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RGRROP302 Brand standardbred horses

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to perform industry-regulated procedures for the recording of permanent identification and registration of individual standardbred racehorses. It covers knowledge of horse features and behaviour traits, completion of written documentation, and compliance with animal welfare legislation and rules of racing.

The unit applies to individuals who are race club employees authorised to brand standardbred horses.

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.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Racing performance (ROP)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Verify identification of horses	1.1 Use industry identification features to identify mare and foal 1.2 Verify relationship of foal to declared parents using service certificates and other industry documentation

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	1.3 Estimate age of foal and compare with industry documentation
2. Apply brand	2.1 Assess and control risks prior to carrying out branding activity, including ensuring personal protective equipment correctly fitted 2.2 Use safe horse handling techniques to restrain horse for safety of foal, handler and branding officer 2.3 Prepare and maintain branding equipment according to workplace procedures and equipment specifications 2.4 Apply branding using safe techniques according to animal welfare requirements 2.5 Complete documentation accurately according to workplace procedures

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
Reading	Interpret key information and data in workplace records
Navigate the world of work	Follow workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, relevant to role and work area
Interact with others	Use industry protocols and practices for communicating with licensed or registered industry personnel to interpret and relay information related to performing freeze branding procedures
Get the work done	Assemble resources and plan and sequence activities to achieve outcomes related to branding horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status

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Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRROP302 Brand standardbred horses

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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 evidence that the individual has branded at least three standardbred horses, including for each:

- identified horses using industry signalment and documents
- assessed risks associated with handling and branding horses
- used safe horse handling and safe work practices, including techniques required to specifically handle and restrain mares and foals
- prepared and maintained branding equipment
- applied branding using safe techniques according to animal welfare requirements.

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:

- horse features used for identification
- methods for:
 - estimating age of foals
 - verifying relationship of foal to parents
- relevant rules of racing and procedures for completing workplace documentation applicable to registering and branding standardbred horses for identification
- types of branding equipment and manufacturer specifications for the operation and maintenance of branding equipment
- types and purpose of restraints used in branding
- racing industry animal welfare requirements relating to branding
- racing industry safety requirements, including:
 - safe operating procedures
 - safe handling techniques
 - awareness of common horse behaviour and body language during branding

- personal protective equipment
- first aid procedures relating to branding.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred horses to be branded – assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
 - materials and equipment required for branding
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
- specifications:
 - instructions and documentation for branding activity.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance on risk assessment and matching individuals and horses 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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