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RGRROP403 Perform duties of farrier at race meetings

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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 prepare for and provide routine and emergency race meeting farrier services. It requires knowledge of horse behaviour in high-pressure racing environments, safe handling techniques and applicable rules of racing.

The unit applies to individuals who perform farrier duties at harness or thoroughbred race meetings. The scope of duties of a race meeting farrier may vary between codes and from state to state.

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 licence or registration requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Racing performance (ROP)

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. Prepare for race meeting	1.1 Confirm booking of farrier services for race meeting 1.2 Verify adequate supplies of shoes, nails and other equipment

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	1.3 Confirm invoicing system with race club prior to race meeting 1.4 Interpret and comply with rules of racing that relate to hoof care, shoeing and farrier services at race meetings
2. Provide hoof care and shoeing service at race meetings	2.1 Assess hazards associated with handling and shoeing horses, and control risks according to workplace health and safety and safe operating procedures 2.2 Inspect hoof and shoe condition, report options for treatment or adjustment that comply with rules of racing to relevant parties, and agree on procedures 2.3 Remove shoes, prepare hooves and shod (plated) horses according to rules of racing and wellbeing of the horse 2.4 Observe horses in pre-race activities and inspect shoeing or hoof status if situation warrants or as requested by stewards, starter or other relevant party 2.5 Report status of emergency to steward and starter 2.6 Carry out emergency repairs in a safe and timely manner
3. Finalise race meeting farrier services	3.1 Prepare tax invoice for farrier services and present to race club within agreed timeframe 3.2 Provide reports to stewards on hoof and shoeing injury and incidents 3.3 Ensure farrier work area is left clean and tidy according to track practices

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
Writing	Prepare invoices and injury reports accurately and legibly according to race club or industry requirements
Numeracy	Calculate costs of services, including resources and time, for invoicing and present in accepted business format

Skill	Description
Navigate the world of work	• Take responsibility for complying with applicable rules of racing and safety and animal welfare requirements in carrying out role
Interact with others	• Follow communication protocols and practices for reporting and responding promptly to farriery issues with racing officials and other personnel
Get the work done	• Plan, sequence and prioritise farriery activities and assemble resources for race meeting making adjustments to plans to deal with contingencies • Make decisions, often under pressure, taking action to prevent problems arising or escalating • Use key features of familiar workplace technology to prepare and present invoices and reports

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRROP403 Perform duties of farrier at race meetings	RGRROP403A Perform duties of farrier at race meetings	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRROP403 Perform duties of farrier at race meetings

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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 performed duties of a farrier at a minimum of two race meetings, including for each:

- organised working arrangements with race club or racing authority
- prepared materials and resource requirements for race meeting
- applied safe horse handling techniques and work practices, including assessed hazards and risks
- provided hoof care and shoeing services
- evaluated and responded to a shoe emergency or realistic scenario
- responded to and reported to instructions from racing officials.

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:

- applicable rules of racing relating to hoof care, shoeing and farrier services at race meetings
- race club and industry practices and protocols:
 - communication procedures with race meeting officials and licensed and other racing industry personnel
 - race club requirements and farrier standards for personal grooming and presentation
 - reporting requirements for irregularities and problems
- key racing industry safety requirements, including:
 - workplace health and safety legislation and farrier codes of practice
 - hazard identification and risk assessment for interacting with horses
 - safe operating procedures
 - safe handling and controlling techniques for racehorses
- working with racehorses:

- racing industry and animal welfare requirements
- horse identification features, including race colours and numbers
- range of behaviour traits and body language exhibited by racehorses.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling areas at racetracks, including registered race meetings and trials
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred or thoroughbred horses at race meetings – suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
 - equipment and materials needed at a typical race meeting
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
 - resources to make bookings and prepare invoices and reports.

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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