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RGRPSH311A Participate in racing as an owner

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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This unit of competency specifies the outcomes required to investigate requirements to take part in racing as an owner, determine desired level of participation and uphold the welfare of racing animals.

This unit of competency operates in work environments of racing stables, racecourses and public areas.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit, check with your State Principal Racing Authority for current license or registration requirements.

Application of the Unit

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This unit of competency supports those wishing to own, lease or join a syndicate to race greyhounds or horses in the greyhound, harness or thoroughbred sectors of the racing industry.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Refer to Unit Descriptor

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Investigate requirements for taking part in racing.	1. Structure of the racing industry and significance of rules of racing are clarified. 2. Rights and responsibilities of racing participants and officials are described. 3. Obligations of racing participants to animal welfare and OHS are clarified. 4. Race meeting procedures and protocols are observed.
Determine level of participation in racing.	5. Options for racing greyhounds or horses are evaluated. 6. Arrangements for training greyhounds or horses are clarified with trainer. 7. Options for resolving disputes with trainer or other owners are reviewed.
Uphold welfare of racing animals.	8. Plans for racing animals are discussed with trainer. 9. Options for animals that will not continue in racing are evaluated. 10. Decisions on the future of racing animals are made with due consideration to animal welfare.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- applying safe handling and work practices when dealing with greyhounds or horses
- communicating with trainer, racing officials, racing kennel or stable staff and others using assertive communication techniques to gather and relay information related to greyhound or horse racing activities
- complying with animal welfare regulations, legislation and rules of racing guidelines
- complying with safe operating procedures
- following instructions of trainer and officials when appropriate, for example in parade enclosure
- negotiating resolution of conflict or disagreements with others relating to racing greyhounds or horses in compliance with racing codes of conduct and rules of racing
- reading and interpreting racing documentation, including relevant rules of racing

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- relating to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with varying physical and mental abilities
- upholding agreement with trainer, other owners and syndicate managers (if relevant) regarding payment of accounts for training services
- written communication skills to complete racing documentation.

Required knowledge

- basic industry terminology related to racing, handling and caring for greyhounds or horses
- common reasons for greyhounds and horses having to stop racing
- communication procedures within the kennel or stable and wider racing industry
- content of training contract or agreement
- effective working relationships, including teamwork
- obligations of owners to animals, trainers and racing officials
- options for greyhounds and horses that have finished their racing career
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- relevant rules of racing
- structure, protocols and procedures related to racing greyhounds or horses.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy all of the requirements of the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and the range statement of this unit and include evidence of the following:

- knowledge of the requirements, procedures and instructions that apply to racing greyhounds or horses
- implementation of procedures and timely techniques for safe participation in racing as an owner
- working with others when participating in racing as an owner that meets required outcomes.

Evidence should be collected over a period of time and be focused on business activities and obligations related to racing participation as an owner. Theoretical components can be assessed in a simulated situation but must be related to racing industry conditions and contexts.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Competency may be assessed in an actual workplace or simulated environment that provides access to the required resources. Assessment is to occur under standard and authorised work practices, safety requirements and environmental constraints. It is to comply with relevant regulatory requirements or Australian Standards requirements.

The following resources must be available:

- a variety of greyhounds or racing horses that are currently in training
- commercial racing training establishments, safe racetrack areas, race meetings and related facilities
- materials and equipment relevant to assessing candidate's ability to race animals as an owner
- work instructions and related documentation.

Method of assessment

Assessment methods must satisfy the endorsed Assessment Guidelines of the Racing Training Package.

The suggested strategies for the assessment of this unit are:

EVIDENCE GUIDE

- written and/or oral assessment of candidate's required knowledge
- observed, documented and firsthand testimonial evidence of candidate's application of practical tasks
- simulation exercises.

Where performance is not directly observed any evidence should be authenticated by supervisors or other appropriate persons.

This unit may be assessed in a holistic way with other units of competency relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role, for example:

- RGRPSG407A Select greyhounds for racing
- RGRPSH505A Select horses for racing
- RGRROP317A Attend racing events and comply with protocols and safety procedures.

Guidance information for assessment

Assessment methods should reflect workplace demands (e.g. literacy and numeracy demands) and the needs of particular target groups (e.g. people with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, people with a language background other than English, youth and people from low socioeconomic backgrounds).

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the performance criteria is detailed below.

The range statement provides details of how this competency can be used in the workplaces of the racing industry to participate in racing as an owner. Workplaces include administration buildings, greyhound kennels, harness and thoroughbred stables and racecourses, training tracks and public areas.

Structure of the racing industry may include:

- breeder associations
- national and state racing regulatory authority role
- owner and trainer associations
- race club structure and functions

RANGE STATEMENT

Rights and responsibilities may include:

- rules of racing:
 - who and what is controlled by them
 - what rules impact on owners
 - how racing fairness is ensured.
- authority of owners to hear or give evidence or protest decisions
- authority of stewards and officials to direct or instruct racing participants, including owners
- authority of stewards to call witnesses, hear evidence and make decisions on penalties to be incurred
- obligation of all racing participants, including officials, to comply with rules of racing, animal welfare and OHS
- obligations of owners to comply with relevant rules of racing and officials' instructions
- obligations of trainers to ensure security of their training establishment and to present animals drug free for racing
- responsibility of stewards and officials to follow natural justice processes.

Options for racing may include:

- joining a syndicate to race one or more animals
- leasing animal to race (to be returned to owner after racing career)
- purchasing animal ready to run
- purchasing pup or yearling
- purchasing share in an animal.

Arrangements for training may include:

- confirming:
 - how and when training services may be concluded
 - training fees, payment dates and method
 - what is covered by training fee
 - who will pay additional services, such as veterinarian or transportation
- establishing protocols for charging additional fees for items, such as entry fees, and additional tack and equipment
- type of training facilities offered, such as spelling and access to paddocks or runs.

Options for resolving disputes may include:

- discussing issues with:
 - consumer affairs

RANGE STATEMENT

Plans for racing animals may include:

- owners' association
- stewards or racing officials
- trainers' association
- engaging a dispute resolution specialist
- negotiating with trainer.
- estimated length of preparation time before trial and racing
- type and class of races animal is to be prepared for
- options if animal does not show adequate form within agreed time frame.

Options for animals may include:

- does the animal have a use as a:
 - companion animal or pet
 - in another market
- if animal is to be given away or retired:
 - can welfare of animal be assured if it is given away as a companion animal or pet
 - will sufficient water, feed, shelter and care be provided if animal is retired from racing
 - will animal have a reasonable quality of life if it is retired from racing after illness or injury or would it be kinder to have animal put down
- is animal suitable for breeding.

Decisions on the future of racing animals may include:

- average cost of keeping a retired animal
- can costs of treatment (and costs to animal's quality of life) be justified if prognosis for illness or injury means it is unlikely that animal will race again
- has animal suffered illnesses or injuries that will restrict its racing potential
- is it cruel to continue racing animal
- is animal likely to perform better if it:
 - is castrated or spayed
 - races in opposite direction
 - races in different climate
 - races in lower or higher level of competition
 - races under a different trainer.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit Sector Greyhound, harness and thoroughbred racing codes

Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units

Functional Area

Functional Area Racing common