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RGRROP402A Perform duties of medical practitioner at race meetings and trials

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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This unit relates to the competencies required to assess a driver's or rider's fitness to compete at race meetings or trials. It requires knowledge of relevant rules of racing. It also requires performing pre and post-race assessments of drivers or riders and providing advice to stewards regarding the fitness and wellbeing of drivers or riders to compete, conducting swabbing procedures of drivers or riders should it be required, as well as providing advice to drivers or riders in relation to health and welfare issues. To undertake this unit the candidate will be a qualified medical practitioner who requires the knowledge and skills to adhere to policies and procedures associated with the rules of racing and race day medical practitioner duties. This unit of competency operates in work environments of racing stables, paddocks, yards, 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 qualified medical practitioners to effectively perform the required duties of a race day medical practitioner at harness or thoroughbred race meetings and trials.

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
Assess driver's or rider's fitness to compete.	1. Rules of racing and legislative obligations for medical practitioners and OHS and racing safety protocols and procedures are complied with when determining driver or rider health status. 2. Drivers or riders are examined after a fall to ensure fitness to continue with racing commitments. 3. Drivers or riders are examined on stewards' instructions for fitness to continue with racing commitments.
Report on driver or rider health and welfare.	4. Advice is provided to stewards on driver's or rider's ability to safely complete racing commitments within the legislative obligations of medical practitioners and the rules of racing. 5. Recommendations for stand-down periods or other actions to ensure the health and welfare of drivers or riders are conveyed to stewards. 6. Advice is provided to drivers or riders on health and welfare issues to ensure compliance with the rules of racing and safe racing operating procedures. 7. Racing personnel are examined and first aid provided if required at race meetings or trials in case of illness or injury. 8. Reports are prepared and lodged with stewards within procedural time frames on health and welfare issues involving racing participants.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

- assessing driver's or rider's health and advising if fit to compete
- communicating with stewards, racing officials, licensed and registered personnel and others using assertive communication techniques to gather, interpret and relay information related to race day medical practitioner duties
- completing duties in accordance with safe operating procedures and nominated time frame
- identifying and reporting swabbing irregularities
- judging situations and taking appropriate action to prevent problems arising or

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overcome problems before they develop further

- maintaining racing code requirements for confidentiality
- participating safely in sample collection processes
- providing advice to drivers or riders relating to health and welfare issues
- providing prompt and succinct information to stewards and others as required
- reading and interpreting workplace documentation and rules of racing
- relating to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with varying physical and mental abilities
- responding quickly to requests from stewards or other racing officials
- teamwork skills to ensure completion of job tasks
- written communication skills to complete workplace documentation and reports.

Required knowledge

- communication procedures within the race meeting environment and wider racing industry
- indicators of human fitness and wellbeing
- industry terminology related to race meeting procedures
- hazard identification and risk management
- medical welfare considerations in relation to licensed and other racing industry personnel
- medications and treatments
- protocols and procedures for communicating with stewards, and licensed and other racing industry personnel
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- relevant rules of racing
- reporting requirements for irregularities and problems, including difficulties in obtaining samples
- sample collection standard operating procedures
- swabbing protocols and associated rules of racing.

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 are to apply performing the duties of a medical practitioner at race meetings or trials
- implementation of procedures and timely techniques for the safe, effective and efficient application of medical practitioner duties
- working with others to undertake and complete procedures that meet required outcomes.

Evidence should be collected over a period of time in a range of workplace-relevant contexts and include dealings with an appropriate range of situations.

Context of, and specific resources for assessment

Competency must be assessed in a racing workplace 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.

Assessment of the practical components of this unit will be by observation of relevant skills.

The following resources must be available:

- a range of drivers or riders
- materials and equipment relevant to assessing candidate's ability to perform medical practitioner duties at race meetings or trials
- race meetings, trials and racing personnel swabbing facilities
- 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:

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

Evidence is required to be demonstrated over a period of time, therefore 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.

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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, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

Driver's or rider's ***fitness to compete*** considerations may include:

- alcohol or drugs
- blood or urine tests
- dehydration
- fatigue
- illness
- injury
- physical and mental fitness.

Relevant ***rules of racing*** may include:

- Australian and local rules of racing
- apprentice allowances
- drivers
- jockeys and riders
- prohibited substances
- weight allowances
- weighing in and weighing out.

Legislative obligations of medical practitioners will include:

- legislative requirements for use of drugs and poisons
- patient's rights, including refusal of medical treatment
- rehabilitation policies
- return to work policies
- WorkCover and WorkSafe Acts
- workplace health, welfare and safety

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OHS and racing safety protocols and procedures may include:

- responsibilities.
- adhering to responsibilities under OHS legislation and workplace practices
- adhering to rules of racing and rules of the race venue
- considering variables that influence behaviour of horses, such as:
 - fences and equipment
 - other persons or animals
 - vehicles
 - wind and noise
- contributing to development of risk control measures
- following safe work practices
- following accident and injury procedures
- identifying and reporting unsafe work practices
- identifying emergency situations
- wearing approved personal protective equipment.

Other actions recommended to ensure health and welfare of drivers or riders may include:

Advice provided to drivers or riders on ***health and welfare issues*** may include:

- conditioning programs
- physiotherapy
- rehydration.
- drug and alcohol use
- fatigue
- hydration
- mental fitness
- nutrition
- physical fitness
- stress
- weight control.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit Sector

Harness and thoroughbred racing codes

Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units

Functional Area

Functional Area Racing performance services