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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 attended to a minimum of two standardbred or thoroughbred horses at minimum of two:

- race meetings and/or trials events; or
- simulated race meetings at a racecourse, plus attended a race meeting as an observer if not employed or licensed to work at a race meeting.

For each race meeting, there must be evidence that the individual has:

- carried out instructions and reported to supervisor and racing officials
- cared for the standardbred or thoroughbred horse using safe handling techniques, including:
  - packed appropriate gear for specific horse
  - groomed and prepared horse for race meeting or trial
  - assisted with saddling or harnessing process
  - paraded horse (thoroughbreds only)
  - performed post-race procedures, including cooling down and drying
- attended to and presented at least one horse for post-race swabbing procedure and completed required paperwork or undertaken a realistic role-play.

## 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:

- safe work practices and safety checks covering:
  - potential hazards and risks
  - horse condition and behaviour

- fit and condition of horse gear and personal protective equipment
- remaining attentive and avoiding distractions including mobile phones and other devices while handling horses
- principles and practices of attending horses relevant to racing code:
  - common race injuries
  - common racehorse behaviour traits
  - industry terminology relating to race meetings and trials
  - pre-race duties
  - personal presentation and personal protective equipment requirements
  - types, fit and condition of race gear
  - main irregularities with horses and gear
  - swabbing procedures and reasons for swabbing and responsibilities of attendants
  - post-race procedures
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to attending horses at race meetings and trials:
  - communication procedures within stable, race meeting venue and wider racing industry
  - effective working relationships, including teamwork
  - racing industry animal welfare requirements
  - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
  - relevant rules of racing.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - racing stables and racetracks conducting trials and race meetings
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - various standardbred or thoroughbred racing horses assessed as suitable for skill and experience of individual
  - approved racing standard personal protective equipment, correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
  - tack or gear and equipment for race meeting and trials
- specifications:
  - work instructions and workplace and/or race meeting procedures.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence 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>