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| Title | Ride thoroughbred racehorses in pacework as instructed by the trainer | | |
| Level | 3 | Credits | 15 |

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| Purpose | <p>This unit standard is intended for people who ride pacework on public training tracks in a thoroughbred racing context.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: ride horses with a range of experience, both solo and in company of other horses at pacework for exercise as instructed by the trainer; pull horse up and return to the trainer after the workout; verbally report on the way the horse completed the workout; and describe training principles and techniques that are commonly used to aid training of thoroughbred racehorses.</p> |
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| Classification | Equine > Thoroughbred Racing |
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, rules and code of welfare relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - New Zealand Rules of Racing, available at [Rules, Directives, Policies and Regulations | NZTR \(loveracing.nz\)](http://www.love racing.nz);
 - Racing Act 2020;
 - Racetrack Bylaws, available from the secretary of the racing track where horses are working;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions

Pacework – horse ridden at canter.

Workplace procedures – the procedures and standards set by the client, raceclub and employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer’s requirements, and current legislation.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
 - assessment must be supplied from a commercial business operation under normal working conditions and undertaken on a public training track.

- evidence must be presented on both experienced and inexperienced horses. A rider must demonstrate competency consistently when riding an experienced horse solo and in company, and an inexperienced horse solo and in company.
- the safety gear worn by the rider must meet the standards set by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc, available at <https://loveracing.nz/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Ride horses with a range of experience, both solo and in company of other horses at pacework for exercise as instructed by the trainer.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Receive and confirm instructions.
- 1.2 Adjust gear to ensure designated action and safety for horse and rider.
- 1.3 Warm up and ride the horse confidently at the pace, distance, and time as specified by the trainer, with the horse under control.
- 1.4 Encourage the horse to perform at pacework with the horse balanced and relaxed, using voice, hands and heels as required.
- 1.5 Ride the horse and conduct self, according to the Rules of Racing.

Outcome 2

Pull horse up and return to the trainer after the workout.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Pull the horse up gradually on completion of the workout.
- 2.2 Leave the track with the horse under control.
- 2.3 Return the horse to the trainer.

Outcome 3

Verbally report on the way the horse completed the workout.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Report the way in which the horse completed the workout clearly, concisely and professionally.

Outcome 4

Describe training principles and techniques that are commonly used to aid training of thoroughbred racehorses.

Performance criteria

4.1 Describe the principles of training to improve a horse's performance.

4.2 Describe techniques commonly used to aid training.

Range evidence of at least two techniques is required.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

| Process | Version | Date | Last Date for Assessment |
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| Review | 7 | 25 November 2021 | N/A |

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| Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference | 0018 |
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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