

## Thoroughbred licensing requirements Industry Training

- Changes to licensing requirements for thoroughbred industry participants are to be introduced from 1 August 2011.
- The changes require participants to be suitably skilled / qualified to a national training standard.
- Existing trainers and senior staff may already have the necessary experience to achieve accreditation through a national Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.
- Significant government subsidies to help cover the cost of training are available through Tasracing.
- Trainers to complete the RGR30208 – Certificate III Racing.
- Stable employees, approved trial riders and trackwork riders to complete two units of competency.

From 1 August 2011, all thoroughbred industry participants (trainers, owner trainers, pre-trainers, stable foremen, stable employees, approved trial riders and trackwork riders) will be required to have a nationally recognised qualification to work in the racing industry.

Those who have not completed a national qualification or skill set within the national racing training package will need to do so before they can be licensed by Racing Services Tasmania to work in Tasmania.

Participants with significant skills and experience will still need to attain the necessary qualification. But they may already have suitable experience to achieve these qualifications determined through a process called Recognition of Prior Learning.

The required level III qualification for a trainer and stable foreman is from the National Racing Industry Training Package RGR08 and it is optional for trainers to upgrade this qualification to a level IV or Diploma within this Training Package.

The two units of competency that stable employees, trackwork riders and approved trial riders will require is RGRCMN201A – OH&S and RGRPSH201A – Handle Horses.

While there is a cost associated with the training, significant government subsidies are available to reduce costs for participants. Tasracing will continue to source funding to offset training costs.

Linking training and qualifications to licensing requirements is a national trend in the racing industry to ensure participants are suitably skilled - other states have introduced similar requirements.

Course costs and subsidy details are available on the Tasracing website ([www.tasracing.com.au](http://www.tasracing.com.au)).

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