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## Certificate II & III in Racing Traineeships Stablehand/Advanced Stablehand/Trackwork Rider

### **How do I become a trainee in the Racing Industry?**

The first step is to find an employer by:

- Using any contact you may have in the Racing Industry.
- Visit stables and tracks and talk to trainers and staff
- Writing to or ringing registered horse trainers, a list of trainers is available from Racing Queensland.
- Racing Queensland Training Department may be able to assist you with the selection of suitable employers.

### **Traineeships are available in:**

**Certificate II in Racing – Stablehand (also recommended for school based traineeships)**

**Certificate III in Racing – Advanced Stablehand (special requirements apply)**

**Certificate III in Racing – Trackwork Rider**

When you have found a potential employer, explain that they may be eligible for Government incentive payments for employing you as a trainee and to compensate for your attendance at training. If they wish to hire you then you should contact a **Australian Apprenticeship Centre (AAC)**. These centres:

- Link the relevant Government authorities with yourself and your employer.
- Administer paperwork such as the 'training contract' and 'incentive claims'.

A list of your local AAC's is available from either:

the Australian Apprenticeship Centre hotline (13 38 73) or from Racing Queensland.

Alternatively if your potential employer is unsure about hiring a trainee due to the limited size of their business and possible lack of work you can be employed through a Group Training Organisation. These organisations:

- Act as your legal employer, and is responsible for paying wages, superannuation & work cover.
- Place you with 'host employers' who are the Racehorse Trainers.
- The host employer pays a leasing fee to the Group Training Organisation for your services.
- It also allows you to change workplaces if necessary as your official employer stays the same.

A list of Group Training Organisation in Queensland is available from:

[www.gtaltd.com.au](http://www.gtaltd.com.au)

Once you have contacted a suitable AAC or a Group Training Organisation in your area a representative will visit and perform an official 'sign-up' in which you and your employer enter into a training contract.

The representative will then let us (Racing Queensland - Training) know that there is a new trainee ready to begin training. We will contact you and your employer shortly after to discuss your training. Some traineeships require student fees to be paid; details of these fees will be explained during your 'sign-up'. Tuition and service fees are always payable by the trainee; however you and your employer may come to an arrangement regarding the fees.

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### **What will I be studying and how?**

The Traineeship system involves both 'on the job training' and 'off the job training'. On the job training refers to the skills you learn from your employer whilst working in a stable environment. Off the job training refers to skills you learn from instructors from Racing Queensland - Training.

### **The topics that are covered in Certificate II in Racing (Stablehand) are:**

- Occupational Health & Safety
- Horse Handling
- Working Effectively in the Racing Industry
- Horse Care

You will be assessed in all these topics by either: practical demonstration, written assessment, oral assessment or assignment. All our instructors from Racing Queensland - Training are qualified and have extensive relevant industry experience.

If you live and work in regional areas then you may be required to travel to a Racing Queensland - Training location.

### **The additional topics covered in Certificate III in Racing (Advanced Stablehand) are:**

- Feeding and Nutrition for Racehorses
- First aid and performance factors for Racehorses
- Supervision, leadership and conflict resolution skills

### **The additional topics covered in Certificate III in Racing (Trackrider) are:**

- Riding skills, from basic techniques through to riding trackwork
- Develop and maintain personal health and fitness

Trackrider training requires ability, potential and hard work – it is **not** for those who would simply like to learn to ride.

Government funding (to Racing Queensland - Training) and employer incentives are provided through the **Department of Education and Training** for your 1<sup>st</sup> traineeship only, except school based traineeships. If you wish to complete another traineeship full fees may apply.

Further information regarding traineeships is available from your Australian Apprenticeship Centre or Group Training Organisation.

**Entry to the jockey apprenticeship is managed by Racing Queensland. Contact Racing Queensland - Training on 3869 9781 for more information. You can enroll as a trainee stablehand / trackwork rider whilst waiting to apply for the apprentice jockey program. Apprentice jockey training includes all the training from the stablehand and trackrider traineeships plus additional jockey units.**

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### ***I am still at school can I be a trainee?***

#### **Duration**

Yes. Certificate II Stablehand is the recommended qualification and can be undertaken as a school based traineeship. The duration is two years and students should commence early in year 11 in order to complete before the end of their senior year.

#### **Part time**

Students usually work one day per week and possibly one day on the weekend or a few mornings or afternoons per week. This arrangement is made between yourself, your employer and your school.

#### **At school**

If you wish to be a school based trainee then you should check that your school supports this training arrangement (most do). Speak to the Vocational Education Teacher, Industry Liaison Officer or Careers Advisor.

#### **Getting started**

The process for 'sign-up' is the same as for full time trainees, when you contact the Australian Apprenticeship Centre or Group Training Organisation tell the representative that you are still at school and wish to be a school based trainee.

#### **Sign up**

At the 'sign-up' there will be the AAC / Group Training Organisation representative, yourself, your new employer, your parent/guardian and a representative from your school. You and your employer will complete and sign the training contract. The AAC will then notify the training centre to contact you and discuss your enrollment and training plan.

(A staff member from Racing Queensland Training can attend the initial sign also if you wish, let the AAC / Group Training Organisation representative know that you want the Registered Training Organisation (Racing Queensland - Training) to attend and they will invite us.)

For more information please check out our web site: [www.racingqueensland.com.au](http://www.racingqueensland.com.au) and look under the Industry Training section. Once again if you have any questions at all please contact the Training Department on 3869 9781.

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