

CAREERS IN THE HARNESS RACING INDUSTRY

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HARNESS RACING VICTORIA



The Victorian Harness Racing industry offers a range of exciting career opportunities in an industry that's a major player in the global sports, entertainment and wagering markets.

Harness Racing Victoria is committed to employing a highly skilled and capable workforce to deliver its mission to administer, promote and develop harness racing within Victoria.

A woman with blonde hair tied back, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a white short-sleeved polo shirt with a dark collar and a logo that reads 'LARA JAY FARM'. To her left, the head and bridle of a horse are visible. The background is a blurred stable interior. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

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RANGE OF CAREER
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PEOPLE WHO ARE
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HELPING US ACHIEVE
OUR MISSION.

EDUCATION AND CAREERS IN THE HARNESS RACING INDUSTRY

	ROLE	DESCRIPTION
RACING	Horse Breaker and Educator	A Horse Breaker and Educator prepares young horses for race training.
	Stablehand	The tasks of stablehand involve handling horses, preparing them for their daily routine, attending to stable duties such as feeding and walking horses as well as assisting the horses on race day.
	Foreperson	A foreperson is a senior stable hand who looks after the daily organisation of the stable and takes instructions from the trainer to ensure the smooth running of the stable.
	Pre-trainer	A pre-trainer is responsible for conditioning and preparing horses for racing after they have been spelling before they return to the trainer.
	Assistant Trainer	This role is delegated to assist a permit trainer who operates an independent horse racing business
	Racehorse Trainer	A racehorse trainer is responsible for the care, maintenance and racing performance of racehorses.
	Driver	The harness race driver is an independent professional sportsperson licensed by harness racing industry authorities to compete in industry-regulated competition. A high degree of skill in handling large animals racing at speed is required of a harness driver and income depends on competition with peers and marketing services effectively. Knowledge of rules and legal procedures is essential.
	Steward	A steward oversees all aspects of horse racing and wagering to ensure that the rules of racing are adhered to.
	Veterinarian	A qualified veterinarian with a keen sense of the harness racing industry and specialised equine training.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Racing
Education Centre

	RGR40118 Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> <i>On the job training</i>	✓
	RGR20221 Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stablehand) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i>	✓
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	RGR40318 Certificate IV in Racing (Harness Race Driver) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> <i>On the job training</i>	✓
	RGR20221 Certificate II in Racing Industry (Administration) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> <i>Racing and industry experience required. On the job training</i>	✓
	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	

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BREEDING	Stud Hand	Stud hand positions are usually the beginning of a career in the horse breeding industry. Duties include basic horse handling, feeding, cleaning and maintenance of stables, paddocks and equipment; maintaining property, operating machinery and equipment.
	Stud Manager	A stud manager is a skilled stud hand and is involved in coordinating a wide range of horse breeding activities such as: caring for and foaling—down broodmares; carrying out mare mating procedures; care of stallions; establishing and conserving pastures and crops.
	Stallion Handler	The stallion handler is a highly developed horseman with experience developed during time as a stud groom. The role may include control of stallions during the mating of mares, control of mares during the mating process; preparation and presentation of stallions to clients at stud parades: ensuring quarantine procedures are adhered to.

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ADMINISTRATION	Racing Administrator	Several administrative roles exist that support the operation of racing clubs and the racing industry.	
	Licensing/Registration Clerk	A licensing/registration clerk performs the licensing administration duties of racing's governing body.	
	Race Programmer	A race programmer develops all race programming, analysis statistics relating to race programs. They provide innovative recommendations to improve the overall racing calendar, which includes development of race series, process improvements and race condition analysis. Should this be combined this role with the handicapper for harness racing?	
	Handicapper	The handicapper is responsible for assembling the fields for each race meeting.	



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RACEDAY	Judge / Photo Finish Operator	Provides digital images of all horses competing in a race and is responsible for placing each horse in their correct finishing order after each race.
	Race Caller	The primary purposes of this position will be to work within the HRV media team – providing accurate and informative race calls of harness races in Victoria and to optimise wagering turnover and participation for Victorian harness racing by delivering form analysis and engaging racing content to customers and stakeholders.
	Clerk of Course	Clerk of Course position is to provide high quality horsemanship to assist with the punctual, orderly and safe running of races for Harness Racing Victoria. This position helps race day officials and industry participants of Harness Racing Victoria.
	Barrier Attendant	A horse handler and team player, on race day a barrier track attendant provides essential support for the drivers and horses at the start and ending of a race and assist in the event of a race fall.
	Swab Attendant	A Swab Attendant works with on course Equine Veterinarians and assists in the coordination and collection of samples from racehorses for drug screen analysis.
	Starter	Conducts mobile & standing starts at harness racing meetings throughout Victoria
	Track & Grounds Curator	Looks after the harness racing track to ensure it is in optimum condition for all races.

LIFE AFTER RACING

	HERO Retrainer	Assist retired Standardbred horses to transition into life after racing through re-education and training for recreational pursuits – principally riding and pleasure harness.
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1	Skill Set HRV : Judge, Timekeeper and Photo Finish Operator Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i>	✓
	No specific training but industry experience and broadcasting favourable.	
	Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i>	
	Skill Set HRV : Track Attendant <i>On the job training</i>	✓
	Skill Set HRV : Swab Attendant Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i>	✓
	Skill Set HRV : Starter Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i>	✓
	RGR20221 Certificate II in Racing Industry (Track Maintenance) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> <i>On the job training</i>	✓

	Racing and industry experience is highly recommended. Appropriate horse training skills and experience essential.	
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