



All registered Stable Employees, being Stablehands (including track work riders) / Forepersons / Assistant Trainers and Racing Managers must complete skills training as outlined in Racing Victoria's Stable Employee Policy.

Therefore, a stable employee cannot work, or be registered to a licensed trainer, without the completion of this training. However, if you are a new worker to the industry, you will be given a period of time to complete this training.

What is the definition of a "new worker"?

A new worker is defined as somebody who has never been registered as a stable employee with Racing Victoria. In this instance, the new worker will have up to 12 months to complete this training, commencing from the date that their registration is temporarily approved by Racing Victoria. New workers may only be registered as Stablehands, without evidence of training or approved recognition of prior learning. To be registered as a Foreperson, Assistant Trainer or Racing Manager new workers must provide evidence of training or approval of recognition of prior learning.

What if I am only a visiting worker to Victoria?

A visiting worker is not required to complete training. The definition of a "visiting worker" is one who is working in Victoria for a maximum period of three (3) months and is, at all times, employed and registered by an interstate visiting trainer. Once the trainer returns to his or her home State, the registration of the visiting employee will automatically cease.

An outline of the specific nationally accredited training units required for each category of registration, is as follows:

STABLEHANDS (including track riders):

1. Handle Racehorses in Stables & at Trackwork; and
2. Contribute to Health & Safety of Self and Others

FOREPERSONS:

1. Handle Racehorses in Stables & at Trackwork
2. Contribute to Health & Safety of Self and Others; and
3. Comply with racing industry ethics and integrity

ASSISTANT TRAINERS:

1. Handle Racehorses in Stables & at Trackwork
2. Contribute to Health & Safety of Self and Others
3. Comply with racing industry ethics and integrity
4. Manage horse health & welfare; and
5. Determine nutritional requirements for racing horses.

RACING MANAGERS:

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1. Handle Racehorses in Stables & at Trackwork
2. Contribute to Health & Safety of Self and Others
3. Comply with racing industry ethics and integrity; and
4. Promote & maintain business arrangements with racehorse owners.

Following is some frequently asked questions relating to the completion of this training. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact your nearest TAFE training provider:

What if I already have the skills and experience, or I have already completed some equine studies in the past?

You will still be required to complete the mandatory training. However, the process does allow for a "fast track" option, called Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Simply notify the TAFE provider that you believe you have the necessary skills and experience, or have previously completed training. The TAFE provider will then take your previous training or experience into consideration. Completing this training provides you with formal recognition for your level of experience gained over the years. It can also provide you with a pathway to further equine studies should you wish to become a licensed trainer or jockey.

What is the cost of completing the training?

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Stablehands	\$200 - \$400
Forepersons	\$250 - \$450
Assistant Trainers	\$250 - \$500
Racing Managers	\$250 - \$500

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