

## Approved Rider

To ensure the appropriate conduct and safety of Picnic race meetings, Approved Riders are required to satisfactorily complete the Approved Rider Skill Set (a subset of Cert IV Jockey) prior to being licensed and competing in picnic races within NSW.

### Prerequisites - Required before enrolling

It is expected that applicants will have advanced riding skills through the vocation of a Track rider. Typically, students who seek to obtain an Approved Rider license have successfully completed the Cert III Trackrider qualification or are able to apply to have their prior skills recognised. To find out more about having your prior skills recognised please call the Australian Racing and Equine Academy (AREA) on 1800 200 724.

### Training – Units required to be completed from Certificate IV Jockey course

Unit Code	Title
RGRCMN001A	Comply with the Rules of Racing and related protocols
RGRCMN201A	Follow OHS procedures and observe environment work practices
RGRPSH307A	Exercise horses in pacework
RGRPSH306A	Develop basic trackwork riding skills
RGRPSH405A	Ride horses at trackwork
RGRPSH413A	Prepare for Race Riding
RGRPSH405A	Ride Horses in Jump Outs
SRXEMR001A	Respond to Emergency Situations

### NOTES:

Riders must have a current First Aid Certificate obtained from a Registered Training Provider within the past two years to be eligible for an Approved Rider license. Please speak to AREA for assistance on where you can gain this certificate.

### Delivery Method

Candidates may be required to complete self-directed activity followed by assessment by an AREA Trainer and Assessor. Training and assessment is delivered through onsite training conducted at metropolitan and regional areas. An online option is available supported by work based assessment.

### Enrolment Fees

#### **\$650 for eligible students**

Fees are inclusive of materials and resources

Once applicants complete the Approved Rider Skill Set and have their First Aid Certificate

they will be required to undergo a further medical assessment before returning the following documents to the Racing NSW Licensing Department:

- Verification of having completed the Approved Rider course
- Application for Approved Rider licence
- Completed medical history form
- Licence fee
- Completed Stakes Payment licensee details form (bank account details)

### **Final Approval**

The applicant is next required to attend an interview with Racing NSW Stewards. At this interview you will be required to present at a riding weight of approximately 63kgs.

If successful at the interview, you are then required to complete a minimum of **ten barrier trials** that are deemed satisfactory by Stewards to gain your final approval to riding in Picnic races

### **Contact**

Please contact the Australian Racing and Equine Academy on 1800 200 724 for enrolment details and further information.

## **Process for becoming an Approved Rider**

Complete 3 jump outs – assessed by Racing NSW

Undertake the Approved Rider Skill Set with AREA

Undertake medical assessment

Present to Racing NSW:

- First Aid Certificate
- Approved Rider Skill Set
- Medical Assessment

Complete 10 Barrier Trials – assessed by Stewards

Interview with Racing NSW Licensing

Receive Approved Rider license