



Approved Rider

To ensure the appropriate conduct and safety of Picnic race meetings, Approved Riders are required to satisfactorily complete the Approved Rider Accreditation Course 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 Trackwork rider. Typically, students who seek to obtain an Approved Rider license have successfully completed the **Certificate III Trackwork Rider** qualification (or equivalent), or, are able to apply to have their prior skills recognised.

To find out more about having your prior skills recognised please call the Racing NSW preferred training provider, Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy, on 1800 200 724.

Training

Units required to be completed from RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package

Unit Code	Title
RGRPSH201	Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork
RGRCMN203	Comply with racing industry ethics and integrity
RGRPSH205	Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry
RGRPSH306	Develop basic trackwork riding skills
RGRPSH307	Exercise horses in pacework
RGRPSH404	Ride horses at trackwork
RGRPSH405	Ride horses in jump outs
RGRPSH310	Prepare for self-management in racing

Delivery Method

Candidates may be required to complete self-directed activity followed by assessment by a Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy 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

\$850 for eligible students

Fees are inclusive of materials and resources

Once applicants complete the Approved Rider Accreditation Course, 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 Accreditation 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 10 barrier trials that are deemed satisfactory by Stewards to gain your final approval to riding in Picnic races

Contact

Please contact the Team Thoroughbred NSW Training 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 Accreditation Course with Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy
- Undertake medical assessment

Present to Racing NSW:

- Approved Rider Accreditation Course
- Medical Assessment

Complete 10 Barrier Trials – assessed by Stewards Interview with Racing NSW Licensing. Receive Approved Rider license