

Position Description

Stablehand Grade 1

Position Summary:

The Stablehand Grade 1 is responsible for the routine care, handling, and welfare of horses in a racing or pre-training environment. This role builds on foundational stable duties and includes more independent work and responsibility than the entry-level stable employee. The position supports the daily operations of the stable and contributes to the health, safety, and performance of horses.

1 Key Responsibilities

- **Horse Care and Management:**

- Feeding, watering, grooming, and general care of horses.
- Monitoring horse health and reporting abnormalities.
- Administering basic treatments under supervision (e.g., applying bandages, topical medications).
- Assisting with veterinary and farrier visits.

- **Handling and Exercise:**

- Leading horses to and from paddocks, walkers, and training areas.
- Saddling and unsaddling horses.
- Assisting with pre- and post-exercise care (e.g., cooling down, washing down).

- **Stable and Equipment Maintenance:**

- Cleaning stables, yards, and equipment.
- Maintaining feed and bedding supplies.
- Reporting and assisting with repairs and maintenance.

- **Compliance and Safety:**

- Adhering to workplace health and safety policies.
- Following animal welfare protocols.
- Using personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.

2 Skills and Attributes:

- Proven experience in handling horses safely and confidently.
- Observational skills for identifying health or behavioural issues.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Good physical fitness and stamina.
- Reliable, punctual, and committed to animal welfare.

3 Work Environment:

- Outdoor and stable-based work in all weather conditions.
- Interaction with horses of varying temperaments and training levels.
- Fast-paced, physically demanding, and safety-conscious environment.