



# Media release

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## Racing industry participants reminded about licensing

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission is reminding racing industry participants to ensure their industry licences are up to date and that they can be produced on demand.

“The Racing Integrity Act 2016 requires the Commission to have licensing standards for each racing code to reinforce the integrity of racing activities, the safety of participants involved in training or racing licensed animals and their welfare,” Commissioner Ross Barnett said.

“There have been some recent incidents where people have been found working in stables for example without appropriate licences.

“We don’t want to penalise people with fines but the Commission has a duty to ensure the integrity of the racing industry,” Commissioner Barnett said.

The three racing codes of Thoroughbreds, Harness and Greyhounds each have their own licence categories.

For example in Thoroughbreds the categories include: trainer; jockey; track-work rider and stable-hand.

Participants applying for licences must satisfy competency levels as well as demonstrate compliance with the Racing Integrity Act 2016, Racing Act 2002, the Commission’s standards and relevant rules of racing.

They must also show that they can carry out their duties in a safe manner and maintain the required level of animal welfare.

“It is important to remember that allowing unlicensed persons to work in and around racing animals in preparation for racing may incur penalties where a breach to the Rules of Racing is identified,” Commissioner Barnett said.

“In addition, all licensees that employ staff are reminded of their employment obligations and should contact WorkCover Queensland if they have any questions relating to their employer-employee arrangements.’

Information about licensing in the racing industry can be found on the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission’s website at <https://www.qric.qld.gov.au/licensing-and-ownership/>

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