

THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY CAREERS

For anyone who has ever dreamt
of a life with horses,
meeting new people
and exploring the world.

This is the thoroughbred industry.

Discover a career like none other.



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The Australian Thoroughbred Industry

Thoroughbred horse racing in Australia is the second largest in the world, employing around 75,000 people in full time equivalent employment across a diverse range of occupations.



The Numbers

230,000+ employees, participants and volunteers

49,000+ full time equivalent jobs

700+ million Worldwide audience for the Melbourne Cup

\$1.1+ billion invested annually by breeders, owners and trainers

100,000+ racehorse owners investing in Australian racing

Australia's thoroughbred industry provides employment for more than 75,000 people, with around 80% of these jobs being in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The industry contributes more than \$1 billion in Federal and State taxes annually, and the economic value to the economy is estimated to exceed \$5 billion per year.





Life after Racing

Racing NSW and Racing Victoria contribute 1% of prize money from each race run to an equine welfare fund. Racing NSW have made owners liable to prove where any racehorse is spending life after racing.

Racing Victoria's Equine Welfare Program implements policies that maintain and enhance racehorse health and racing longevity, in addition to facilitating the transition of racehorses from racing to future equestrian

or pleasure horse careers. Racing Queensland has an Animal Welfare Strategy to maximise career opportunities for all racing animals.

South Australia has a network called 'Changing Reign', which focuses on promoting the positive transition of horses from racing to a new career.

A Global Industry

A career in the thoroughbred racing industry can take you on a global adventure! Here are some of the horse racing capitals around the world, with jobs ranging from practical horse experience, to marketing to bloodstock selling and purchasing.



Lexington, Kentucky

Often called the Horse Capitol of the World, Lexington is home to most of the major farms and sales in the United States. Keeneland Race Course is the local racecourse with Churchill Downs home of the Kentucky Derby - just an hour away in Louisville. Famous stud farms in the region include Coolmore's Ashford Stud, Gainesway Farm, Spendthrift Farm, the Kentucky division of Prince Khalid bin Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms, and Darley's Jonabell Farm.

Career opportunities: working a yearling sale at Keeneland or Fasig-Tipton in the autumn, a breeding stock sale in November or January, working for a local trainer, completing a stud or yearling prep season at one of the local farms, or taking classes as a Kentucky Equine Management Intern or North American Racing Academy student.



Chantilly, France

One of the most scenic horse racing areas in the world, Chantilly is where most of France's top racehorses are trained with up to 2,000 horses trained at the centre at any time. The area is also the home of Chantilly Recourse, where France's Derby and Oaks are held. Famous trainers located here include Freddie Head, Jean-Claude Rouget, and Alain de Royer-Dupre.

Career opportunities: working for a local trainer, working in a variety of roles at the racecourse, or working at the training centre.



Newmarket, England

Newmarket is also the base of many of the world's top trainers and has 2,500 acres of training grounds including the famous Warren Hill and is home of Tattersalls sales. In addition, both the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas races are run here each spring. Famous stud farms in the region include Darley's Dalham Stud, Prince Khalid bin Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms, Cheveley Park Stud, and the National Stud (home of the Stud Practice and Management Course).

Career opportunities: Working sales throughout the year at Tattersalls, taking a course at the National Stud or the British Racing School, completing a stud season or prepping yearlings for sale at one of the local farms, working for a local trainer, or working at the racecourse.



Kildare, Ireland

This is the home of racing in a proud thoroughbred nation. The main racecourse, the Curragh, hosts all classic races while Group 1's are also held in Dublin at Leopardstown. Famous stud farms in this region include Darley's Kildangan Stud (home of the Godolphin Flying Start scholarship), the Aga Khan's Giltown Stud, and the Irish National Stud (home of the INS horsemanship course).

Career opportunities: Working a yearling sale at Goff's in October or breeding stock sale in November, learning horsemanship at the Irish National Stud, taking a course at RACE, working for a local trainer, working at a racecourse, or completing a stud or yearling prep season at one of the local farms.



Waikato, New Zealand

Just a few hours south of Auckland is another important racing hub in Waikato with Te Rapa Racing Club being the most important track in the area. This is also the home of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association with major stud farms such as Waikato Stud, Cambridge Stud, and The Oaks Stud located in this area.

Career opportunities: Working for a local trainer or completing a stud or yearling prep season at one of the local farms.

Careers

The thoroughbred industry offers a huge range of roles and career paths.

Please see
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for a full list.



BOOKMAKER



EQUINE DENTIST



JOCKEY



CHIROPRACTOR



EQUINE NURSE



JOCKEY MANAGER



ASSISTANT TRAINER



BARRIER ATTENDANT



CLERK OF SCALES



FARRIER



JOURNALIST



AUCTIONEER



BLOODSTOCK AGENT



CLERK OF THE COURSE



FORM ANALYST



MARKETING



PHOTOGRAPHER



RACECOURSE MANAGER



RACING PROGRAMMER



STUD GROOM/HAND



TELEVISION PRESENTER



PHYSIOTHERAPIST



RACEDAY JUDGE/
STEWARDS



STALLION HANDLER



STUD MANAGER



TRACK RIDER



PRE-TRAINER



RACING ADMINISTRATOR



STALLION NOMINATIONS



STUD SECRETARY



TRAINER



RACECALLER/
COMMENTATOR



A RACING MANAGER/
SECRETARY



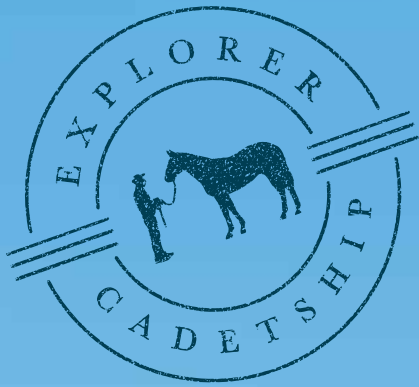
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Explorer Cadetship Program

The Explorer Cadetship Program is a 12-month stable and stud horsemanship program in the thoroughbred industry. It kicks off with a 12-week residential learning component of practical and theoretical training, followed by two paid work-experience placements at a leading racing stable and stud farm.

Part 1 – Boot Camp

(3 months)

Cadets commence their 12-week practical (including riding) and theoretical learning block at the Australian Racing and Equine Academy in Richmond, NSW.

Cadets will be required to cover the cost of their accommodation at Western Sydney University, Richmond Campus whilst completing Boot Camp.

Part 2 – Racing Stable

(4.5 months)

Once training is completed Cadets will commence their first 4.5 months paid work-placement with a leading racing stable, gaining valuable hands-on experience and insight into the racing industry

Cadets accommodation will be arranged by Thoroughbred Industry Careers or their employer, taking the worry out of finding a place to live while Cadets work and learn.

Part 3 – Stud Farm

(4.5 months)

Part 3 of the program will see Cadets move to a rural area to commence their second 4.5 months paid work-placement with a leading stud farm (accommodation will be on-farm).

During this phase, Cadets will learn the vital day to day workings of a commercial stud farm from mares foaling, stallion covers and preparing yearlings for major Australian Yearling Sales.

Explorer Cadetship Bootcamp:

A note to Cadets on *what to expect*

6.30am During the “Boot Camp” phase of the Cadetship, Monday to Friday mornings begin with a daily run.

7.30am You will head across campus from the University to the Academy (walking distance) for breakfast, which is provided by Thoroughbred Industry Careers.

8am Depending on what string you are in, you will either have stable duties in the morning or the afternoon. If you have stable duties in the morning, the day’s jobs and priorities are written out for you to follow on the blackboard.

9am After stable duties you will catch, handle, groom and saddle the assigned horses for the day, which is followed by a three-hour riding session where you learn your craft and perfect your track riding skills under the watchful eyes of our top trainers.

From noon to 1.00 p.m. we have lunch and prepare for our afternoon classes.

1pm Afternoon theory classes are focused on learning the ins and outs breeding and racing industry.

4pm Afternoon stable duties to finish off the day.

On certain days of the week, you will have one-off events. And some of them are quite an experience.

On **Monday** after classes, you will have your weekly gym session to keep you mentally and physically at your best.

On **Fridays**, you will go on excursions or have industry experts come and visit you at the Academy. Excursions range from race days to barrier trials, tours of private pre-training and training facilities like Godolphin’s Osborne Park, hearing from Winx’s jockey Hugh Bowman or being given elocution lessons from Gai Waterhouse - no part of the thoroughbred industry is off-limits here.

The weekends are free time where you can head to the races or hang out with the members of the Cadetship program exploring Sydney.







Explorer Cadetship Program

There is one intake per year, in February.

The program is capped at 30 students and takes 12 months to complete

Once you commence your first work placement, you will receive minimal time off

Successful applicants will need to demonstrate a passion for horses, animals and/or racing and a level of equine experience through the application process to be considered for the program.

Students will need to be 18 years or over at the commencement of the program and 24 years or under.

The program will involve riding and hard physical work, so students will need to be fit and healthy and have a strong work ethic and will to succeed.



Visit **tbindustry careers.com.au** for more information

Thoroughbred Industry Careers is a not for profit organisation which aims to promote careers in the Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Industry; introduce grass roots programs; facilitate best practice education, training and mentoring pathways for those entering the industry; and to assist in developing retention and welfare strategies aimed at creating fulfilling and rewarding long term careers.