

Policy: 654.0
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Subject: Mini Trotters Progression Scheme
Reference: *Board Meeting – 19 August 2016*
Harness Racing Act 2009

MINI TROTTERS PROGRESSION SCHEME

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 A component of the Tax Parity Fund Strategy for Youth Development was the subsidisation of the licence fees for five (5) years for graduates of the NSW Mini Trotters Program.

2. SUBSIDY

- 2.1 The subsidy will be backdated to commence for eligible licencees from 1 September 2015.
- 2.2 The subsidy is applicable for five (5) licencing years.
- 2.3 The subsidy can only be claimed when the licencee is physically located in NSW and licenced by HRNSW.
- 2.4 Should a licencee relocate interstate or overseas and then move back to NSW, the subsidy will be applicable for five (5) years from the initial progression year (i.e. from 2015/16 to 2019/20).
- 2.5 The subsidy covers the HRNSW Licence Fee, associated insurance cover and the cost of the HRNSW endorsed training course.
- 2.6 The per start (for both trainers and drivers) insurance levy is not covered under this Scheme. HRNSW only supplements the initial up front yearly insurance cost.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1 The eligibility criteria for the applicant to the **MINI TROTTERS PROGRESSION SCHEME** are as follows:
 - a) Has been a financial member of a HRNSW accredited Mini Trotters Association for a period of not less than the three (3) years prior to the application;

- b) Has been an active participant in NSW Mini Trotters events for a period of not less than three (3) years.
- 3.2 The applicant will be required to submit:
- a) A letter of commendation from two (2) HRNSW accredited Mini Trotters Associations, one (1) of which can be the HRNSW recognised State Association;
 - b) A record of participation for the previous year.
- 3.3 In the instance where the applicant has no immediate association with the harness racing industry and has been an active member and participant of the NSW Mini Trotters program for less than three (3) years, upon application HRNSW can apply discretionary authority to include the applicant in the Scheme.
- 3.4 In the instance where an applicant has had a 'gap' year (that is a year away from harness racing after graduating from the Mini Trotters program) from the harness racing industry an application will be considered on merit however at the sole discretion of HRNSW.
- 3.5 The applicant will be subject to review each licence year and at the sole discretion of HRNSW may be excluded from the Scheme for the next licencing period or for the remainder of the five (5) year period, if they fail to meet but not limited to the following:
- a) Failure to undertake any reasonable course under HRNSW Policy;
 - b) Is disqualified at any time during the five (5) year period;
 - c) Is suspended for twelve (12) weeks or more during the year;
 - d) Is charged with a conduct offence which results in any period of suspension or disqualification being imposed;
 - e) Any prohibited or substance of abuse offence;
 - f) Is convicted of a criminal offence;
 - g) Is not compliant with the NSW Government Leaving School Policy.

4. APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All applications must be received in writing inclusive of the applicable information required in clauses 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.
- 4.2 All applications should be addressed to:

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PO Box 1034
BANKSTOWN NSW 1885