

## FACT SHEET

# OFF THE TRACK WA RETRAINING PROGRAM



The Off the Track WA (OTTWA) Retraining Program is an initiative by Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) which endeavours to complement already established pathways for rehoming retired racehorses.

The OTTWA Retraining Program encompasses the OTTWA Estate and a network of OTTWA Official Retrainers, who will work to provide retired racehorses with the necessary skills and experiences needed to transition from racing to their second career as a pleasure or performance horse.

Horses accepted into the program will undergo an evaluation upon arrival at the Estate, before being allocated to an Official Retrainer, where they will commence retraining and education in preparedness for sale.

The program is open to both thoroughbred and standardbred horses who have been bred for the purposes of racing.

Further information about the program, including FAQs, can be found on the OTTWA website [here](#).

## HOW TO APPLY?



1. Please refer to the **Acceptance Criteria and Terms and Conditions** to ascertain whether the program is suitable for your horse.



2. Download and complete the **Application Form**. As there may be a waiting period to enter the program, if accepted, it is recommended to apply prior to commencing the letting down period (if direct from racing). Applications, including the veterinary report, remain valid for a three-month period from the date completed.



3. Ensure that your horse has been deregistered for racing, with all the appropriate paperwork finalised. Further information can be found [here](#) for thoroughbred race horses or [here](#) for harness race horses.



4. Ensure all sections of the application form have been completed, including attaching recent images of the horse, before lodging the application with the OTTWA Retraining and Rehoming Coordinator via email or post.



5. Please allow 14 days for the application to be assessed. You will then be notified whether your horse has been accepted into the program, or whether the Admissions Panel has declined the application. Should the application be declined, alternate pathways will be recommended to assist you in responsibly rehoming your horse.



6. Upon acceptance, the Retraining and Rehoming Coordinator will liaise with the custodian of the horse to outline any applicable waiting periods, and to organise the arrival at the OTTWA Estate and the commencement of the program.

Need more information? Please [visit the OTTWA website](#) or contact [offthetrackwa@rwwa.com.au](mailto:offthetrackwa@rwwa.com.au).