



**Australian Government**

# **ACMCAN403 Develop animal diets**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop and communicate animal diets.

This unit applies to senior or more experienced keepers with extensive zoo keeping or related experience who supervise others and provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

NOTE: The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

### Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

### Unit Sector

Captive Animals (CAN)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Develop a feed regime	1.1 Evaluate diets of animals 1.2 Research natural and artificial diets and feeding regimes 1.3 Formulate and modify diets and feeding regimes to assist in

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	<p>correct diet development</p> <p>1.4 Substitute natural feed with artificial or alternative feeds after consultation with supervisor</p> <p>1.5 Coordinate preparation and presentation of diets according to WHS and animal requirements</p>
2. Monitor food	<p>2.1 Order food supplies</p> <p>2.2 Monitor food quality according to workplace policies and procedures</p> <p>2.3 Maintain and store food and feeding records according to workplace policies and procedures</p>
3. Communicate effectively with others about animal nutritional requirements	<p>3.1 Contribute to facility's nutritional policy</p> <p>3.2 Assist with nutrition training of keepers</p> <p>3.3 Coordinate nutritional projects and communication with internal and external personnel</p> <p>3.4 Prepare and present nutritional reports to management according to workplace policies and procedures</p>

## Foundation Skills

*This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.*

Skill	Description
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculate nutritional requirements for specific animals</li> <li>Check food allocations are measured accurately</li> </ul>
Get the work done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use computer-based technology to research animal diets and feeding regimes</li> <li>Maintain the highest standards of hygiene and infection control at all times to reduce the risk of infection and cross-infection</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

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ACMCAN403 Develop animal diets	ACMCAN403A Develop animal diets	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>