



Australian Government

ACMGEN303 Assess the welfare status of an animal

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to assess the welfare status of an animal using an industry recognised animal welfare assessment framework or model and tool.

The unit applies to individuals who work with animals in a range of environments and facilities. They take responsibility for monitoring, caring for and reporting on the welfare of animals in their care.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

General Animal Care (GEN)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify current animal welfare and management approaches	1.1 Identify issues relating to animal welfare and ethics in animal work environments 1.2 Investigate current animal welfare assessment frameworks or models relevant to own workplace

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	1.3 Identify key compliance requirements of state/territory legislation and codes of practice relevant to the workplace and sector
2. Use an assessment tool to assess an animal's welfare status	2.1 Identify and select a workplace or sector specific tool to assess the welfare of an animal 2.2 Identify environmental factors that impact on animal welfare and their effects 2.3 Observe animal behaviours and assess the likely emotional state of the animal based on physical, behavioural and environmental factors 2.4 Record observations and determine the animal's welfare status using a workplace or sector specific tool
3. Review assessment outcomes and make recommendations to improve animal welfare	3.1 Review outcomes recorded on the animal welfare assessment 3.2 Identify strategies to address any identified factors impacting negatively on the welfare of the animal 3.3 Identify opportunities to improve the animals' emotional state and quality of life 3.4 Record suggested improvement actions and likely impact and measures of success
4. Communicate animal welfare outcomes	4.1 Seek assistance from supervisor, experts or team members to review suggested improvement actions and potential consequences of change 4.2 Provide information to relevant stakeholders on the welfare assessment of the animal

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
Reading	Interpret relevant information in a range of animal welfare texts or documents
Writing	Use industry specific terminology to document observations and measurements of animal welfare assessment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGEN303 Assess the welfare status of an animal	Not applicable	Developed in response to industry need	Newly created

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>