



Australian Government

ACMGEN401 Develop animal diets

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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 develop and communicate information to others about animal diets.

This unit applies to experienced or senior animal carers, keepers who generally supervise others and provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and unpredictable problems. Tasks may vary in scale from individual animal welfare to social group management, working across a range of programs and/or animal groups in a facility.

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

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to 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. Develop a feed regime	1.1 Evaluate current diets of animals 1.2 Research current, scientifically validated information on natural and artificial diets and feeding regimes 1.3 Formulate and modify diets and feeding regimes to assist in

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	correct diet development 1.4 Substitute natural feed with artificial or alternative feeds after consultation with supervisor and/or veterinarian 1.5 Coordinate preparation and presentation of diets according to workplace health and safety and animal requirements
2. Monitor food	2.1 Order sufficient quantities of food supplies 2.2 Monitor food quality according to facility policies and procedures 2.3 Maintain and store food to avoid spoilage and contamination according to facility and section requirements 2.4 Update and maintain accurate feeding records
3. Communicate effectively with others about animal nutritional requirements	3.1 Contribute to the facility's nutritional policy 3.2 Assist with nutrition and hygiene training of keepers or carers 3.3 Coordinate nutritional projects and communication with internal and external personnel 3.4 Prepare and present nutritional reports to relevant team members according to facility policies and procedures

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 nutritional values from product information and labels
Oral communication	Communicate effectively with staff and management on all aspects of animal nutrition
Numeracy	- Weigh animals or estimate weight (g, Kg, t) with reasonable accuracy - Calculate nutritional requirements for specific animals and costs of food supplies - Measure (ml, L) and weigh (g, Kg) food rations accurately using appropriate equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGEN401 Develop animal diets	ACMCAN403 Develop animal diets	Minor changes to performance criteria and assessment requirements for clarity	Equivalent

Links

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