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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to advise handlers on selecting equipment for use in training and employing an assistance dog in a range of specialised tasks to support a handler with disability.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources, and complete activities that require behavioural analysis of dogs and handler to select appropriate equipment.

All work must be carried out to comply with Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Assistance Dog Training (ADT)

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 handler's assistance requirements	1.1 Discuss referral from health care professional with dog handler to confirm and/or clarify needs, while incorporating privacy considerations

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	1.2 Determine the specialised tasks required from an assistance dog based on individual prospective handler 1.3 Determine handler's ability to fit and use equipment for their assistance dog, and ensure dog's equipment needs complement those of the handler
2. Identify assistance dog's equipment requirements	2.1 Identify leads, collars and other basic equipment requirements 2.2 Determine need for additional equipment and how equipment will be used according to task requirements 2.3 Confirm equipment requirements based on the handler and dog partnership
3. Trial use of equipment with handler and assistance dog	3.1 Introduce and test the use of equipment chosen to ascertain if it is suitable for both handler and assistance dog 3.2 Adjust or change equipment as required 3.3 Instruct handler to use the equipment safely, according to animal welfare principles, dog training regulatory and public access requirements 3.4 Evaluate handler's use of the equipment to ensure safety and wellbeing of both handler and assistance dog
4. Confirm requirements and complete documentation	4.1 Confirm that handler is satisfied with the chosen equipment 4.2 Document assistance dog equipment requirements according to workplace requirements

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	Gather and interpret medical personal care requirements from approved sources to identify relevant information while respecting privacy legislation
Writing	Complete records and documents relevant to assistance dog equipment needs using vocabulary, grammatical structure and

Skill	Description
	conventions appropriate to text and audience
Oral communication	• Use listening and questioning techniques to ascertain needs • Use clear language and appropriate tone during interactions with dog handlers

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMADT301 Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler	Not applicable	This unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing unit	Newly created

Links

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has assessed, trialled and documented at least four handlers' dog assistance equipment requirements with two different types of appropriate equipment.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- relevant legislation/regulations as they relate to an assistance dog's public access
- animal welfare practices that are conducive to the animal's lifestyle as well as their mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing
- human disability or disorder that may require the employment of an assistance dog, including:
 - physical
 - sensory
 - mental health
 - neurological, including neurodegenerative
 - developmental
- relevant dog physiology and how to use/fit equipment humanely and safely according to the dog's physical attributes
- a dog's work/recreation mode to assist with appropriate use of equipment
- appropriate adaptations of equipment based on handler and dog's physical attributes and needs
- capabilities and limitations of assistance dogs
- equipment that may be used in assistance dog training, including:
 - collars, head halters and martingales
 - leads and leashes

- balance harnesses
- working jackets, coats and identification vests
- modified grooming equipment
- toys
- treat pouches
- markers and clickers
- wheelchairs
- walking sticks
- personal protective equipment (PPE) for handler if required
- methods of desensitising and socialising equipment used for assistance dogs
- workplace documentation requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents assistance dog training workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - handler's medical/allied health professional referral
 - workplace recording and documentation system
 - equipment used in dog training as required for Performance Evidence
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - dog handler
 - dog.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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