



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for ACMCAS303

Provide advice on selection and care of aquatic animals

Release: 1

Assessment Requirements for ACMCAS303 Provide advice on selection and care of aquatic animals

Modification History

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

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that, on at least five occasions, the individual has:

- communicated effectively with customers, including providing accurate advice about the selection and care of aquatic animals
- maintained high standards of hygiene and infection control at all times to reduce the risk of infection and cross-infection
- maintained accurate records.

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:

- principles and practices for providing advice on selection and care of aquatic animals
- aquatic species using common names
- basic aquatic animal biology
- common aquatic animal diseases and treatment strategies
- communication procedures and systems, including sales techniques
- feeding techniques for a range of species
- general maintenance and cleaning of animal aquaria
- nutritional requirements for a range of aquatic species
- animal ethics and welfare
- relevant products and additional services
- safe aquatic animal handling techniques
- species compatibility
- standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry

- types of disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal enterprise
- industry hygiene standards
- information management systems such as International Species Information System (ISIS) and Zoological Information Management System (ZIMS).

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of commonly held aquatic animals
 - equipment and materials commonly used in the care of aquatic animals
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with real clients/customers or realistic scenarios or roleplays.

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

Links

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