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

Application

This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to investigate work activities undertaken by a cross-section of animal care and management businesses, and explore employment opportunities.

This unit is applicable to new entrants to the animal care and management industry. Animal care may occur in a wide variety of animal care workplaces, including retail pet stores, kennels, catteries, aviaries, aquariums, shelters, zoos and others.

This unit applies to individuals who work alongside a supervisor in most situations, exercise limited autonomy and identify and seek help with simple 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

General Animal Studies (GAS)

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>

Element	Performance criteria
1. Identify the sectors of the animal care and related industries	1.1 Identify categories of animal care employment 1.2 Outline the structure of the animal care industry 1.3 Identify functions within each animal care sector
2. Profile animal care and related industries employment opportunities	2.1 Identify the number of people employed in animal care 2.2 Describe general working conditions in functional areas of animal care 2.3 Investigate employment opportunities in animal care and related industries
3. Explore animal care workplaces	3.1 Visit animal care industry workplaces 3.2 Follow instructions during workplace visits 3.3 Identify the role of staff at the visited animal care workplaces 3.4 Identify specific conduct and presentation standards required in the workplaces visited, including WHS, and animal welfare and ethics requirements
4. Develop resume and job application	4.1 Investigate resume and job application formats to select appropriate style for content 4.2 Prepare a draft resume and job application, targeting one of the workplaces visited

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
Writing	Plan, draft and edit resume and job application using computer applications
Get the job done	- Wear appropriate clothing for workplace visits - Use computer-based technology to investigate animal care industries and employment opportunities

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGAS101 Investigate job opportunities in animal care and related industries	ACMGAS101A Investigate job opportunities in animal care and related industries	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

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 investigated job opportunities in a minimum of two different animal care and/or related industries, including:

- determined the structure and scope of animal care industries
- identified the range of job functions and working conditions, including conduct and presentation standards, required in animal care
- developed a draft resume and job application.

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:

- conditions of employment in a range of animal care sectors that address dress code, behaviour standards and WHS requirements, and animal welfare and ethics requirements
- general job responsibilities in a range of animal care sectors
- job roles and employment opportunities in a range of animal care sectors
- major animal care industry sectors and their functions
- resume and job application formats
- sources of information on animal care sectors, employment conditions and employment opportunities
- basic requirements for animal welfare and ethics.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - access to a range of different animal care workplaces

- resources, equipment and materials:
 - formats for resume and job applications
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures.

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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