



**Australian Government**

# **ACMGAS302 Provide enrichment for animals**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

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

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide behavioural management and enrichment to stimulate, replenish and maintain appropriate behavioural patterns of animals.

The unit applies to individuals working under supervision in the animal care industry where it may be necessary to provide enrichment activities for animals. The animals may be housed long-term in an animal care facility, being raised or prepared for sale, or rehoused prior to release into their native habitat.

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                                                                                                             |
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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. Observe and record animal behaviour           | 1.1 Observe and record behaviour of individual animals and groups of animals according to organisational policies and procedures |

| Element                                              | Performance Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                                      | 1.2 Compare observed behaviour with known normal behavioural patterns for a range of species<br>1.3 Identify and encourage natural behaviour<br>1.4 Recognise and record signs of stress and determine possible stressors<br>1.5 Report abnormal behaviour indicating less than optimum physical and behavioural wellbeing to supervisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2. Assist with managing undesirable animal behaviour | 2.1 Participate in the development and implementation of a long-term strategy to manage undesirable behaviour<br>2.2 Conduct short-term management of animals exhibiting undesirable behaviour<br>2.3 Comply with animal welfare and WHS requirements during behavioural management processes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3. Implement enrichment programs                     | 3.1 Determine, apply and evaluate physical, social and food-related enrichment strategies, appropriate to the species and according to organisational policies and procedures<br>3.2 Research and assess adverse consequences to an enrichment strategy<br>3.3 Clean, decontaminate and dispose of or replace used enrichment items appropriately<br>3.4 Implement enrichment strategy appropriate to the species according to organisational policies and procedures<br>3.5 Document and record responses to enrichment strategy<br>3.6 Review enrichment program modification suggestions in consultation with supervisor, and implement and document where appropriate |

## 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                                                                                                       |
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| Get the work done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Problem-solve issues with managing animal behaviour as they arise</li></ul> |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Code and title<br>current version                 | Code and title<br>previous version              | Comments                                              | Equivalence status |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ACMGAS302<br>Provide<br>enrichment for<br>animals | ACMGAS302A<br>Provide enrichment<br>for animals | Updated to meet<br>Standards for Training<br>Packages | Equivalent unit    |

## Links

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