Modification History

Release	Comments	
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.	

ACM501X9	Diploma of Animal Technology
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Qualification Description

This qualification is the industry qualification for persons aiming to operate at a senior technician or managerial level, undertaking animal technology functions within a biomedical research, teaching or production environment.

Job roles covered by this qualification may include:

- Animal technology manager
- Facility manager
- Animal technologist
- Animal house manager
- Supervising animal technician.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication. However, an individual unit of competency may specify relevant licensing, legislative and/or regulatory requirements. Specific determination should be sought through the relevant State or Territory.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 20 units of competency:
 - 14 core units plus
 - 6 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 3 from Group A electives listed below
- 3 from Group A or B electives listed below and/or from within the ACM Training Package and/or from any other relevant currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Core Units

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ACMATE301	Work within an animal technology facility			
ACMATE4X1	Prepare for and monitor anaesthesia in animals			
ACMATE4X2	Conduct euthanasia of research animals			
ACMATE501	Manage compliance in animal technology			
ACMATE502	Manage and maintain the health of research animals			
ACMATE503	Carry out post-mortem examination of a research animal			
ACMATE505	Carry out advanced breeding procedures			
ACMATE5X8	Monitor and maintain containment and exclusion procedures			
	in animal technology facilities			
ACMATE5X9	Conduct non-surgical procedures on animals			
ACMGAS302 Provide enrichment for animals				
ACMGAS303	Plan for and provide nutritional requirements for animals			
ACMSPE312	Provide basic care of rodents and rabbits			
ACMWHS501	Manage work health and safety processes			
MSL973004	Perform aseptic techniques			

Elective Units

An asterisk (*) next to the unit code indicates that there are prerequisite requirements which must be met when packaging the qualification. Please refer to the Prerequisite requirements table for details.

Group A

Assist researchers with aseptic surgery			
Administer anaesthesia and perform surgery on animals for			
scientific purposes			
Assist to collect and transfer embryos of mice			
Perform caesarean rederiviation on mice or rats			
Assist with review of ethics in an animal research			
proposal			
Monitor and contribute to ethical treatment of animals in			
research facilities			
Develop, monitor and review behavioural management			
strategies			
Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work			
practices			
Analyse and present research information			
Schedule laboratory work for a small team			
Develop and maintain laboratory documentation			
Supervise laboratory operations in work or functional area			
Manage complex projects			
Process and interpret data			
Undertake environmental field-based monitoring			
Prepare tissue and cell cultures			

Group B

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ACMSPE301	Provide basic care of amphibians
ACMSPE302	Provide basic care of birds
ACMSPE303	Provide basic care of common native mammals
ACMSPE304	Provide basic care of domestic dogs
ACMSPE305	Provide basic care of domestic cats
ACMSPE306	Provide basic care of marine fish
ACMSPE307	Provide basic care of freshwater fish
ACMSPE308	Provide basic care of marine invertebrates
ACMSPE309	Provide basic care of terrestrial and freshwater invertebrates
ACMSPE310	Provide basic care of mammals
ACMSPE311	Provide basic care of non-venomous reptiles

Prerequisite requirements

MSL974025 Prepare tissue and MSL97 cell cultures	73016 Perform aseptic techniques

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM501X9 Diploma of Animal Technology	ACM50117 Diploma of Animal Technology	Changes to core and elective units to better reflect activities, responsibilities and AQF level. Imported unit codes updated.	No equivalent qualification

Links

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

