

ACM30X20 Certificate III in Captive Animals

**Modification History**

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

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<p><b>Qualification Description</b></p> <p>This qualification is a general industry qualification for persons undertaking a range of animal care functions in a zoo, wildlife sanctuary, aquaria or other captive/exhibited animal facility. It applies to individuals who undertake individual and team activities working under broad direction. Activities may include individual animal welfare to social group management in small to large scale facilities.</p> <p>Job roles covered by this qualification may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Captive/exhibited animal carer</li> <li>Zookeeper</li> <li>Native wildlife animal carer</li> <li>Animal technical officer</li> <li>Aquarist</li> </ul> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.</p>																							
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p> <p>There are no entry requirements for this qualification.</p>																							
<p><b>Packaging Rules</b></p> <p>To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 units of competency:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 core units plus</li> <li>5 elective units.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at least 3 from the electives listed below from Group A</li> <li>up to 2 from Group B or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.</li> </ul>																							
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**Commented [SH1]:** Confirmation of job titles needed

**Commented [SH2]:** Moved ACMGAS306 from electives to core - feedback indicates this is an essential part of keeper/carer's role across all types of facilities and species (RTO)

**Commented [SH3]:** Moved ACMSUS201 to electives

Could we include concepts from ACMSUS201 into ACMCAN301 and delete this unit?

One unit to be added to core - possibly new unit:  
ACMGAS3X1 - Assess the welfare status of an animal

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**Elective Units**

**Group A General electives**

<del>ACMATE306</del>	Follow containment and exclusion procedures in animal facilities
ACMCAN303	Support collection management
ACMCAN307	Rehabilitate native wildlife
ACMCAN308	Release native animals to natural environment
ACMCAN309	Develop institutional husbandry guidelines
<del>ACMCAN310</del>	<del>Assist with exhibit design and renovation planning</del>
ACMCAN311	Care for young animals
ACMCAS402	Manage and maintain aviaries and bird rooms
ACMGAS305	Rescue animals and apply basic first aid
ACMGAS3X1	Assess the welfare status of an animal (new)
ACMGAS3X2	Build resilience and respond to mental health issues in animal care industries (new)
ACMINF301	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work
ACMINF303	Implement infection control in the handling and care of native wildlife
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
AHCBIO302	Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs
AHCFAU301	Respond to wildlife emergencies
AHCNAR202	Maintain wildlife habitat refuges
AHCPCM201	Recognise plants
SITTGDE004	Lead tour groups

**Commented [SH4]:** ACMATE306 code updated

**Commented [SH5]:** ACMCAN310 consider deleting - covered in ACMCAN304 Prepare and maintain animal housing and ACMCAN402 Manage enclosures and exhibits

**Commented [SH6]:** Moved ACMCAN311 from core to electives - not covered in all facilities? V

**Commented [SH7]:** Proposed new units - in blue  
Some feedback has suggested these units be moved to the core

**Commented [SH8]:** Could we include concepts from ACMSUS201 into ACMCAN301 and delete this unit?

**Commented [SH9]:** ACMSUS201 moved from core to electives. Also propose adding elements

**Commented [SH10]:** Other existing units - proposed new electives in green

**Group B Species-specific electives**

ACMSPE301	Provide basic care of amphibians
ACMSPE302	Provide basic care of birds
ACMSPE303	Provide basic care of common native mammals
<del>ACMSPE304</del>	<del>Provide basic care of domestic dogs</del>
<del>ACMSPE305</del>	<del>Provide basic care of domestic cats</del>
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
ACMSPE312	Provide basic care of rodents and rabbits

**Qualification Mapping Information**

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM30X20 Certificate III in Captive Animals	ACM30317 Certificate III in Captive Animals	Changed packaging rules Groups added to electives New elective units added	

**Links**

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