Modification History

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

ACM40X20	Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training

Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required for an animal trainer and/or animal training consultant working with specific species or across a range of animals and workplaces. The qualification provides options for individuals wanting to further develop skills working with canines or equines, or to work in the animal-assisted services sector or in rehoming/adoption roles.

It describes the skills and knowledge required for individuals to interpret animal behaviour, apply animal learning theory, and to evaluate best practice approaches, to meet the welfare needs of animals and provide ethical services and consumer protection for owners/clients.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:
* 18 units of competency:
  * 8 core units plus
  * 10 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:
* at least 4 from the electives listed in Group A
* up to 6 from the electives listed in Groups A, B, C or D not already selected
* up to 2 from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

No more than 2 of the 10 electives selected can be coded with an AQF indicator below level 4 or reflect outcomes below AQF level 4. *ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour* may only be selected if required as a prerequisite for ACMEQU406 *Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver*

Core Units

ACMNEW3X1	Assess the welfare status of an animal
ACMNEW3X2	Promote positive wellbeing in animal care industries
ACMNEW3X4	Identify behaviours and interact safely with animals
ACMCAS401	Advise on companion animal industry compliance and practices (renamed)
ACMCAS404	Develop enrichment strategies for animals
ACMCAS409	Provide individual advice on behaviour management and training
ACMNEW4X2	Apply animal learning theory and training methodologies
ACMWHS401	Maintain workplace health and safety processes

Elective Units

Group A General Animal

ACMACR403	Identify animal behaviour and respond to unwanted behaviours
ACMCAN404	Develop, monitor and review behavioural management strategies
ACMCAS302	Provide advice on companion animal selection and general care
ACMCAS410	Conduct group dog training classes
ACMGAS305	Provide animal first aid (revised unit)
ACMGAS306	Assist with conditioning animals
ACMNEW4X1	Conduct animal behavioural suitability assessments
ACMNEW4X4	Work in animal-assisted services sector
ACMNEW4X5	Apply disability awareness to animal-assisted services
ACMNEW5X1	Manage and modify complex animal behaviour
ACMVET411	Prepare, deliver and review animal care education programs

Group B Canine

AHCLSK324	Care for and train working dogs
CPPSEC3112	Manage training and well-being of dogs for security functions
CSCDOG003	Prepare stimulus aids for use with dogs detecting
CSCDOG004	Select dogs
CSCDOG005	Train detector dogs
CSCDOG006	Train dogs for response and control
CSCDOG007	Train dogs in agility work services
RGRPSG402	Assess greyhounds for suitability to transition to a pet
RGRPSG404	Carry out greyhound adoptions
RGRPSG411	Interpret and manage greyhound behaviours

Group C Equine

ACMPHR401	Interpret equine behaviour
ACMPHR403	Evaluate equine training methodologies
ACMEQU406*	Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver
ACMEQU407	Educate horses in initial handling
RGRPSH424	Re-educate horses to manage behaviours and/or transition to new purposes
RGRPSH425	Advise on transitioning and rehoming horses
SISOEQ007	Instruct horse handling skills
SISOEQU010	Identify hazards, assess and control safety risks for horse handling and riding activities
ACMEQU205	Apply knowledge of horse behaviour

Group D General

BSBSMB403	Market the small business
BSBSMB405	Monitor and manage small business operations
BSBSMB407	Manage a small team
BSBDIV501	Manage diversity in the workplace
HLTAID003	Provide first aid
TAEDEL301	Provide work skill instruction

Prerequisite requirements

Note: Units listed in the Prerequisite requirement column that have their own prerequisite requirements are shown with an asterisk (*)

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU406* Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM4X920 Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training	ACM40317 Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services	Redesigned qualification for animal trainers, animal training consultants and workers in animal-assisted services and/or animal rehoming/adoption roles. The basic animal husbandry and pet care services units available in ACM40317 are not included in the redesigned qualification	No equivalent qualification

Links

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