

Communique

The Animal Care and Management IRC met on Friday 25 May via teleconference to discuss two key issues: the *ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Case for Endorsement* and a request by the AISC for further information regarding the entry requirements for the Certificate IV and Diploma in Veterinary Nursing.

ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Case for Endorsement

The Animal Care and Management IRC discussed the Case for Endorsement to determine whether it should proceed to the finalisation stage prior to submission to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) for endorsement.

The final stages of Training Package development is for Skills Impact to have all relevant documents reviewed by an independent Quality Assurance panel member for evaluation and seek feedback from all State and Territory Training Authorities (STA/TTA).

The Case for Endorsement includes qualifications, units of competency and skill sets that were developed during the following two projects:

1. The Farriery Project
2. Work Safely Around Animals (Infection Control) Project.

The IRC confirmed the Case for Endorsement should be submitted to the final stages and if no major issues or content issues are raised in the Quality Assurance report and/or from the STA/TTA responses, the Case for Endorsement will be submitted to the AISC by 30 June 2018.

Veterinary Nursing Qualifications Update

The AISC have requested additional information from the IRC regarding the entry requirements to the Certificate IV and Diploma in Veterinary Nursing.

To assist the IRC in providing additional information, the following was agreed to:

1. Provide details on what would be considered appropriate work experience.
2. Examples of the types of qualifications that would be considered as appropriate to meet the entry requirements for the Diploma of Veterinary Nursing.
3. Develop and administer two short surveys to be sent out to the veterinary industry. The two surveys will be targeted to:
 - I. Industry members working as veterinary nurses
 - II. Industry members who employed veterinary nurses.

The feedback will be collated and given to the IRC for consideration in August.

The surveys should be released to the public by June 15 with a closing date of July 20 2018. The IRC requests that they be shared with as many industry stakeholders as possible.