Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 6.0 |

| ACMADT3X1 | Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to advise clients to select equipment for use in training and employing an assistance dog in a range of specialised tasks to support a handler with disability.  The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for own work including limited responsibility for the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources and complete activities that require behavioural analysis of dogs and handler to select appropriate equipment.  All work must be carried out to comply with Commonwealth, state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Assistance Dog Training |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Identify the handler's assistance requirements | 1.1 Ask the handler for a referral from their health care professional to establish their needs  1.2 On an individual basis, determine the specialised tasks required from the assistance dog  1.3 Determine the handler's ability to fit and use equipment for their assistance dog and ensure the dog's equipment needs complement that of the handler |
| 2. Identify the assistance dog's equipment requirements | 2.1 Identify basic equipment requirements, including leads and collars  2.2 Determine the need for additional equipment and how the equipment will be used according to task requirements  2.3 Confirm equipment requirements based on the handler/dog partnership |
| 3. Trial the use of equipment with the handler and the assistance dog | 3.1 Test the use of equipment chosen to ascertain if it is suitable for both the handler and the assistance dog  3.2 Adjust or change the equipment as required  3.3 Instruct the handler to use the equipment safely, according to animal welfare principles and dog training regulatory requirements including public access  3.4 Evaluate the handler's use of the equipment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both the handler and the assistance dog |
| 4. Make assessment and complete documentation | 4.1 Confirm that the handler is content with the chosen equipment  4.2 Document assistance dog equipment requirements according to workplace requirements |

| 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Gather and interpret medical personal care requirements from approved sources to identify relevant information |
| Writing | * Complete records and documents relevant to assistance dog equipment needs using appropriate vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMADT3X1  Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler |  |  | Newly created |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMADT3X1 Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has:   * Assessed, trailed and documented four handlers' dog assistance equipment requirements with two different types of equipment. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * legislation/regulations, including the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and as it relates to the assistance dog's public access * animal welfare practices that are conducive to the animal's lifestyle as well as their mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing * dog breeds and associated behaviours that make them desirable as assistance dogs human disability or disorder that may require the employment of an assistance dog, including: * physical * sensory * mental health * neurological, including neurodegenerative * developmental * relevant dog physiology and how to use/fit equipment humanely and safely according to the dog's physical attributes * a dog's work/recreation mode to assist with appropriate use of equipment * appropriate adaptations of equipment based on handler and/or dog needs * capabilities and limitations of assistance dogs * equipment used in dog training, including: * collars/ head haltis/ martingales * leads/leashes * walking/guiding harnesses * working jackets/coats/identification vests * markers/clickers * modified grooming equipment * toys |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * equipment used in dog training as required for Performance Evidence * personal protective equipment (PPE) * specifications: * workplace policies and procedures * relationships: * handler * assistance dog.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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