



# Exhibited Animal Care & Marine Wildlife Project

## Key dates\*

### November-December 2020

Draft skill standards available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

### February 2020

The redrafted documents will be available for comment and validation.

### October 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

*\*Please check website for updates*

Help update the national skills standards for job roles in exhibited animal care & marine wildlife response.

If you have experience caring for animals in sanctuaries, zoos, wildlife parks or in a marine response situation, you're invited to have input on the skills standards of job roles in these sectors. Your feedback will help update national units of competency and qualifications, so they reflect and recognise the current needs of industry.

## Why is this project happening?

Australia has one of the longest coastlines in the world and a vast landscape that is inhabited by some of the world's rarest animals. Zoo keepers, animal carers and marine wildlife responders play an important role in supporting the health, welfare and sustainability of some of our most vulnerable animals and marine wildlife. This project covers two distinct areas of animal care, to identify skills needs for both exhibited animal care and marine wildlife response. Specialist skills are needed for working with endangered animals and rare species, as job tasks vary depending on the size and type of the animal and its environment. Skills are needed in any environment to maintain the safety and comfort of all animals and humans involved.

*The Animal Care and Management Industry Reference Committee is overseeing this project, as part of their responsibility to support engagement with the sector, and to ensure the project meets industry stakeholder needs.*

## Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for this sector?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards of job roles in exhibited animal care & marine wildlife, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

### Visit [skillsimpact.com.au](https://skillsimpact.com.au) to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project manager, Rebecca, on 03 9321 3526.

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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