

Pet Care & Animal Training Project

Help update the skills standards for job roles in animal studies, companion animals, pet grooming, and animal control and regulation.

Do you have experience in any of these expanding sectors? Now's your chance to comment on the skills requirements for job roles your industry. Your feedback will help update national skills standards so they better suit the current needs of industry.

Why is this project happening?

Australians are recognising the importance of their pets' wellbeing and the value animals add to their lives. As pet owners look to a broader range of options to keep their pets healthy and happy, (and keeping themselves healthier and happier as a result) the market is diversifying, which in turn is causing a demand for skilled workers in areas such as pet grooming, animal health care, animal training, assistance animals and animal control & regulation.

Industry has indicated that the current skills standards for these areas are no longer considered fit for purpose and need to be updated to reflect the full breadth of the sector and the changing ways animals are valued.

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.

Key dates*

February 2020

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

June 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*

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 pet care and animal training, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

Visit 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, Tom, 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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