Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0. |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0. |

| ACMGRM301 | Groom dogs to meet breed style and coat requirements |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to groom dogs to meet specific breed and coat requirements. This unit applies to pet style grooms based on breed standards. This unit applies to individuals working in the companion animal industry sector where dog grooming services are provided. They work independently and take responsibility for the quality of their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, selecting products and techniques and working to required timeframes.All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | The prerequisite units of competency for this unit are:* ACMGRM302\* Perform grooms on cross breed dogs

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.

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| Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement |
| ACMGRM302\* Perform grooms on cross breed dogs | ACMGRM3X5\* Provide sanitary and hygiene grooms for companion animals |
| ACMGRM3X5\* Provide sanitary and hygiene grooms for companion animals | ACMGRM2X1 Bath, dry and brush dogs |

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| Unit Sector | Grooming (GRM) |

| 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. Classify dogs using Australian breed standards | 1.1 Identify features of conformation for dog breeds recognised in Australia1.2 Recognise colours for each breed1.3 Identify coat types and characteristics for each breed1.4 Identify grooming requirements according to breed standard |
| 2. Select and operate grooming tools | 2.1 Determine care requirements of each coat type2.2 Identify tools and equipment used for specific breeds, coat types and purposes2.3 Identify hazards for people and dogs associated with the use of grooming tools and equipment, and manage risks2.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for grooming activity  |
| 3. Determine dog coat type and management requirements | 3.1 Perform pre-grooming consultation to identify dog health and behaviour 3.2 Determine purpose of groom, coat type and hair phase of individual dog 3.3 Select grooming tools and equipment for specific coat type requirements and undertake pre-operational and safety checks on 3.4 Select grooming products for application to specific coat types  |
| 4. Groom dogs for specific breed and coat requirements | 4.1 Complete dog grooming techniques for body and tail grooming for a range of coat types4.2 Complete dog grooming techniques for head grooming for a range of coat types4.3 Complete dog grooming techniques for legs and feet grooming for a range of coat types4.4 Complete grooming techniques to meet breed style and coat requirements4.5 Review groom to ensure it meets client’s requirements and agreed grooming plan |
| 5. Complete grooming process | 5.1 House and monitor dog until client arrives5.5 Return dog to client or supervisor and discuss coat maintenance requirements between grooming appointments 5.2 Clean, sanitise and store grooming equipment and audit and record supplies 5.3 Collect and dispose of waste material of according to workplace health and safety, environmental and legislative requirements5.4 Document grooming services for invoicing |

| Foundation SkillsThis 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 |
| Writing | * Use industry terminology when completing grooming documents
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| Oral communication | * Use industry terminology and give clear explanations to others relating to dog coat condition and behaviour
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| Reading | * Interpret grooming equipment instruction manuals
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| Numeracy | * Calculate volume, weight, area, ratio, time and application rates
* Interpret numerical information provided with dog grooming products and equipment
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMGRM301 Groom dogs to meet breed style and coat requirements | ACMGRM301 Perform dog grooms on different coat types | Updated titlePrerequisites updatedOrder of performance criteria changed for clarityNew performance criteria 2.4 and 3.1 addedElement 4 revised and divided to create element 5, with new and revised performance criteria in each elementPerformance evidence, knowledge evidence and assessment requirements expanded | No equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMGRM301 Groom dogs to meet breed style and coat requirements |
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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 (direct observation or video evidence) that the individual has independently completed a full groom of six dogs, with at least one dog breed selected from each of the different coat types listed below:* long/drop coat:
* Maltese, Shih tzu, Tibetan Terrier, Bearded Collie, Lhasa Apso, Silky Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Havanese, Briard, Chinese Crested - Powderpuff
* double/heavy coat:
* Malamute, Pomeranian, Japanese Spitz, Collie – rough, Sheltie, Chow Chow, Siberian Husky, Samoyed, Burnese Mountain Dog, German Shepherd (long stock coat)
* combination/silky coat:
* English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, Golder Retriever, Border Collie, Tibetan Spaniel, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Dachshund – long haired, Aussie Shepherd, Chihuahua – long haired, Setter (English, Gordon or Irish)
* fluffy/curly coat:
* Bichon Frise, Poodle, Kerry Blue Terrier, Portuguese Water Dog, Bedlington, Lagotto Romagnolo, Irish Water Spaniel
* short/smooth coat:
* Boxer, Dalmatian, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, French Bulldog, Chihuahua – smooth coat, Great Dane, Dachshund – smooth, Fox Terrier – smooth, Pug, Beagle, Labrador, Rottweiler, German Shepherd (stock coat)
* wiry coat:
* Airedale Terrier, Fox Terrier (wire), Schnauzer, Border Terrier, Scottish Terrier, West White Highland Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Welsh Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Irish Terrier, Jack Russel (wire)

In doing the above, the individual must have:* used industry-recognised grooming techniques for different coat types, including a poodle point technique
* handled each dog in a safe, low stress and humane manner
* demonstrated appropriate and correct use and maintenance of the following equipment:
* clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap on combs
* scissors including straight, curved and thinners
* undercoat rake including coat king, furminator, de-shedding rake and de-matting tool
* brushes including slicker, pin and bore bristle
* combs including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth
* selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
* completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures
* maintained records for each dog.
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| 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:* overview of Australian National Kennel Council dog breed standards
* dog anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures, including conformation features of dogs
* dog coat types, coat characteristics and phases of coat/hair growth
* dog behaviour, anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products, including:
* common behaviour patterns
* range of movement
* signs of pain, distress or illness
* issues relating to brachycephalic breeds
* signs of abnormalities and health concerns in dogs, including common parasitic infections
* dog behaviour traits, including signs of distress or other core emotional states
* industry-recognised grooming techniques for different coat types, including maintenance and restoration
* types of dog grooming and finishing products
* equipment used for a range of coat types and conditions
* correct use and maintenance of the following grooming equipment:
* clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap on combs
* scissors including straight, curved and thinners
* undercoat rake including coat king, furminator, de-shedding rake and de-matting tool
* brushes including slicker, pin and bore bristle
* combs including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth
* carding tools including stripping knives, stones
* personal protective equipment suitable for activity, including gloves, masks, closed/non-slip shoes, goggles and/or earmuffs
* safe and humane dog handling and restraint techniques and procedures
* types and transmission of zoonoses relevant to dogs and methods of prevention and control
* workplace policies, procedures and requirements, including:
* safety and emergency procedures
* hygiene and infection control
* waste disposal
* animal welfare and humane handling
* personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for activity, including gloves, masks, closed/non-slip shoes, goggles and/or earmuffs
* safe use of disinfectants and cleaning agents
* cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
* workplace guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability including resource use and disposal of waste
* requirements of relevant record keeping system.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:* physical conditions:
* a pet grooming workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
* resources, equipment and materials:
* live dogs for grooming with coats specified in the performance evidence
* products, tools and equipment for grooming dogs specified in the performance evidence
* PPE suitable for grooming activity and handling disinfectants and cleaning agents.

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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