

ACM40317 CERTIFICATE IV IN COMPANION ANIMAL SERVICES FACT SHEET

Pet Professionals Australia (PPA, RTO Code: 70236) offers courses the ACM40317 - Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services in three major Australian cities (Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane) where students can develop their knowledge in the Companion Animal Services industry.

PPA offers practical training support with highly skilled trainers to support students to learn and be confident and ready for industry engagement upon successful completion. However, students will be responsible for their own learning in submitting theory assessments, work placement and completing practical activities on the timetable due dates.

COURSE OUTCOMES

This qualification is suitable for individuals who wish to enter the industry in the following positions, or who have industry experience and are looking for theoretical knowledge to support their hands on experience in their career so far. Some ideal jobs may include:

- Pet shop manager
- Companion animal trainer/behaviourist
- Companion animal breeder
- Companion animal groomer
- Boarding kennel or cattery supervisor/manager
- Animal shelter supervisor/manager
- Pet minding and exercise operator

Individuals in these roles might be members of an organisation, a team, or as a sole trader.

RECOGNITION

This course and its qualifications are nationally recognised



ENTRY REQUIREMENT TO START THIS COURSE

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

TARGET GROUP/S

Our nationally accredited ACM40317 Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services has been customised to deliver a unique compressive course specifically for people seeking to become professional dog trainers.

The qualification will “raise the bar” and provide a nationally recognised qualification for obedience dog trainers and professional dog handlers.

THIRD PARTY ARRANGEMENTS

PPA does not have any third-party agreements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT – RTO SPECIFIC

Students must:

- reside in Australia;
- be an Australian citizen, or hold a permanent humanitarian visa and usually reside in Australia, or be a qualifying New Zealand citizen; ·
- be a minimum of 18 years of age; ·
- successfully complete the PPA Learning Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) review (if students have difficulty with the LLN, PPA may request the student approach another RTO to consider undertaking the course);
- have access to a computer that operates Microsoft Office suite and connected to the internet;
- be able to physically control dogs during a training and behaviour assessment;
- be able to attend the practical assessment weekends at either of the three Hanrob Pet Hotels (in Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne) as scheduled in the timetable;
- students are required to undertake 120 hours of work placement at Hanrob Pet Hotels (or other approved animal facilities) throughout the duration of the course, which will enhance the student’s experience, knowledge and companion animal skills; and
- supply rubber soled shoes/boots, sun hat.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING AND CREDIT TRANSFER

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) may be obtained for skills and knowledge obtained through previous study or relevant experience obtained in Australia. PPA recognises qualifications from other Australian providers and offers student Credit Transfer. If students wish to access these channels, this must be notated on the enrolment form.

AWARD QUALIFICATION AND OUTCOME

On successful completion of this course, students will be awarded a nationally recognised qualification: ACM40317 - Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services.

COURSE CONTENT

The ACM40317 - Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services requires the completion of thirteen (13) units of competency. These units do have a focus towards learning about cats and dogs.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

National Code	Course Name
ACMWH5401	Maintain workplace health and safety processes
ACMCAS401	Manage compliance in the companion animal industry
ACMGAS301	Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing
ACMSPE304	Provide basic care of domestic dogs
ACMACR403	Identify and respond to animal behaviour
ACMINF301	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work
ACMSPE305	Provide basic care of domestic cats
ACMGAS303	Plan for and provide nutritional requirements for animals
ACMCAS404	Development enrichment strategies for companion animals
ACMCAS409	Provide training advice to companion animal owners

ACMCAS410	Conduct companion animal training classes
ACMGAS306	Assist with conditioning animals
ACMCAS304	Capture, handle and transport companion animals

DELIVERY MODE AND DURATION

- Time to complete: 12 months
- Terms: 4 modules
- Each module: Approximately 3 months
- Delivery: Weekly online tutorial sessions and two days of onsite practicals at the end of each module
- Self-paced learning: 5-7 hours per week, dependent on each individuals learning style
- Mode of delivery: Blend of theoretical and practical training and assessment
- Total time: 950 hours approximately

TRAINING PRACTICALS

Practical Training for this course is delivered at each of our Pet Hotels in Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane with the Hanrob Trainer and Assessor.

HOW CAN I ENROL IN THE COURSE?

Students can enrol on the Hanrob website and select ENROL NOW <https://enrol.wisenet.co/login.aspx?key=kwMJ5GWRJWcgS%2bbHBaw6Kg%3d%3d> and follow the instructions. Should the student have any questions, they can either call the Reservations Sales Hotline and speak to an education representative, or select the ENQUIRE NOW icon on the website and send through their queries online.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AVAILABLE BEFORE ENROLMENT (Website)

1. PPA_Student Handbook_V6_2021
2. PPA_Fees and Refund Policy & Procedures_V2_2021
3. PPA_Complaints and Appeals Procedure_V1_2021

COST OF COURSE

The cost of ACM40317 - Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services is \$2,900 including GST. This covers non-refundable enrolment fee of \$275 (payable at enrolment), course materials, Hanrob work placement insurance and practical assessment costs. The cost of this course does not cover the applicants own computer, internet access/costs and own PPE equipment for practical and work placement activities.

INDUSTRY PROSPECTS

Australian Government’s Job Outlook Service wrote the sector has “strong” future growth prospects and provides strong career pathways into a diverse range of careers in animal welfare and care <https://joboutlook.gov.au/occupations/animal-attendants-and-trainers?occupationCode=3611>.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COURSE

We must inform you that this course was recently superseded by the regulator. Under the SRT0 2015, RTOs are allowed to train this course and finish before transition date 14 April 2023. The new course (ACM40321 Certificate CIV in Animal Behaviour and Training) is not similar and many of the current units will not carry over as Credit Transfer. This course (ACM40317) is still recognised by industry (including Hanrob Pet Hotels) as a qualification for dog handling, behaviour and training.