



ACM30122 CERTIFICATE III in Animal Care Services PET GROOMING

RTO 41462



TRAINEESHIP

Course Details



Duration

2 year (24 months)



Delivery Mode

Blended
(online, work placement & Academy)



Start Date

Enrol anytime



Fees

This course is **funded** by the **Queensland Government** under the Career Start program, with a small student co-contribution fee of **\$1.60 per nominal hour**.



Recognition

Nationally Recognised Qualification

The **ACM30122 Certificate III in Animal Care Services – Pet Grooming** qualification is designed for those who want to turn their passion for animals into a professional career in dog grooming. Throughout this nationally recognised course, you'll develop the practical skills and knowledge required to groom a wide range of breeds and coat types to industry standards. You'll learn advanced techniques in bathing, drying, brushing, clipping, scissoring, de-matting, nail trimming, ear cleaning, and styling, while also gaining a strong understanding of animal anatomy, coat care, skin health, and safe handling practices.



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ACM30122 CERTIFICATE III ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

Course Overview

The **ACM30122 Certificate III in Animal Care Services – Pet Grooming** (Traineeship) offers Queensland participants an incredible opportunity to begin a professional career in the pet grooming industry while earning an income and achieving a nationally recognised qualification. Funded by the **Queensland Government** under the **Career Start program**, this traineeship allows eligible individuals to combine paid employment with structured training, developing advanced grooming techniques and gaining real-world experience in professional salon environments.

As a trainee, you'll **earn while you learn**, working alongside qualified groomers and animal care professionals in an approved workplace while completing your online study through the **National Skills Training Institute (RTO 41462)**. In addition to your workplace learning, you'll also have the unique opportunity to attend the **Pet Stylist Academy**, where you'll train directly under Australia's Master Groomers. This hands-on experience at the Academy allows you to refine your techniques, learn advanced styling skills, and gain valuable insights from some of the best in the industry.

Throughout your traineeship, you'll develop the full range of grooming skills — including bathing, drying, brushing, dematting, clipping, scissoring, breed-specific styling, nail trimming, and ear cleaning — while also learning about coat care, skin health, animal handling, hygiene, and workplace health and safety. You'll be trained to groom dogs of all breeds and coat types to professional salon standards, building both technical precision and creative flair.

Beyond technical grooming, you'll strengthen your communication, customer service, and teamwork skills, learning how to build trust with clients and create a safe, positive environment for every animal in your care. These skills will prepare you for a successful and rewarding career across a range of settings — from professional grooming salons and mobile services to opening your own grooming business.

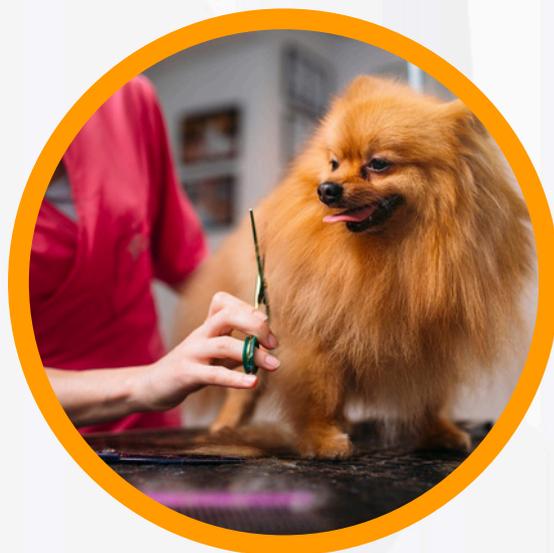
By the end of your traineeship, you'll graduate as a qualified, confident, and industry-ready pet groomer, equipped with the expertise and experience to excel in the grooming industry or to progress into further study such as the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing or Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training.

Traineeship Eligibility

- ✓ be no longer at school
- ✓ permanently reside in Queensland
- ✓ Be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, New Zealand citizen or temporary residents with an eligible visa subclass.
- ✓ You must not have already completed two traineeship qualifications within the last 10 years

Course Units

- ACMBEH301** Identify behaviours and interact safely with animals
- ACMGEN315** Communicate effectively with clients and team members
- ACMGEN303** Assess welfare status of an animal
- ACMGEN304** Promote positive wellbeing for self and others in animal care workplaces
- ACMGEN309** Provide basic animal first aid
- ACMINF301** Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work
- ACMWHS301** Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
- ACMSPE316** Provide general care of domestic dogs
- ACMGRM201** Bath, dry and brush domestic dogs
- ACMGRM303** Perform sanitary and hygiene grooms for companion animals
- ACMGRM304** Provide grooms on cross breed dogs
- ACMGRM305** Groom dogs to meet breed style and coat requirements
- ACMGRM403** Enhance companion animal coat and skin condition
- ACMGEN310** Provide reception services for an animal care facility
- ACMBEH302** Provide enrichment for animals
- ACMGEN311** Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing
- BSBCMM211** Apply Communication Skills



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is a traineeship?

A A traineeship is a fantastic way to combine paid employment with formal, nationally recognised training. It allows you to earn an income while gaining valuable hands-on experience in the animal care industry. As a trainee, you'll work under the supervision of experienced professionals in a real workplace while completing your theory studies online. This means you'll graduate with both a qualification and real-world experience, giving you a strong advantage when pursuing your career.

Q Do I get paid during my traineeship?

A Yes! One of the best parts of a traineeship is that you are a paid employee while you study. You'll earn an income based on the National Training Wage or the relevant industry award. This means you can gain a qualification, build your career, and get real work experience — all while earning money.

Q What kind of work will I do during the traineeship?

A During your ACM30122 Certificate III in Animal Care Services – Pet Grooming traineeship, you'll take part in a wide variety of hands-on grooming and animal care tasks that reflect real industry practice. You'll learn to bathe, dry, brush, de-mat, clip, scissor, and style dogs of all breeds and coat types, while maintaining coat and skin health to professional salon standards. Your role will also involve handling animals safely and humanely, trimming nails, cleaning ears, checking for parasites or skin issues, and ensuring each pet's comfort and wellbeing throughout the grooming process.

Q Where can I work as a trainee?

A As a pet grooming trainee, you'll have the opportunity to work in a variety of exciting and rewarding grooming environments, gaining real industry experience while you train. Most trainees complete their placement in professional grooming salons, where they work alongside experienced groomers to develop and refine their practical skills. You may also gain experience in mobile grooming services, veterinary clinics, pet retail stores, or animal care facilities that offer grooming services.

Q How is the training delivered?

A The **Certificate III in Animal Care Services – Pet Grooming** Traineeship is delivered through a combination of online learning, workplace experience, and hands-on Academy training. You'll complete your theory-based units online through the National Skills Training Institute's learning portal, giving you the flexibility to study around your work schedule. Your practical grooming skills will be developed both in your workplace under professional supervision and during block training at the **Pet Stylist Academy**, where you'll learn directly under the guidance of Australia's Master Groomers. These Academy training blocks provide intensive, hands-on experience in advanced grooming techniques, ensuring you gain industry-level skills and confidence. This blended approach makes your training engaging, practical, and deeply aligned with real-world grooming standards.

Q What support will I receive during my traineeship?

A You'll be fully supported throughout your traineeship by both your trainer and your employer. Your trainer will provide regular check-ins, feedback, and workplace visits to help guide your learning and assess your progress. You'll also have access to online study support, student services, and additional resources if you ever need assistance. The goal is to ensure you feel confident, capable, and supported every step of the way.

Q Is this course funded?

A Yes. The traineeship is funded by the Queensland Government under the Career Start program, which helps eligible students access high-quality training with minimal upfront costs. Students are required to pay a small co-contribution fee of \$1.60 per nominal hour, which is the government-regulated contribution toward their training. This makes the traineeship one of the most affordable and accessible ways to start a professional career working with animals.