

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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The Pet Industry College



To ensure sound judgment and decision making, and to provide the opportunity to potential The Pet Industry College students to raise issues, concerns, and questions prior to commencement of training, The Pet Industry College makes the Student Handbook available to the learners by providing a copy or accessing through the The Pet Industry College website.

The Pet Industry College requires each student to read and understand the information contained in this Student Handbook prior to enrolment or commencement of training.

For any concerns, questions or clarifications please contact The Pet Industry College at:

Email: info@petindustrycollege.com.au

Contact Number: 02 9000 1581

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Introduction

Welcome to The Pet Industry College! Our number one priority is to help you achieve your new qualification/s. We deliver the training and support that will help you complete your training goals as quickly as you can achieve them. You will receive training from our dedicated, passionate, and qualified Trainers who are experienced in your vocational areas. This ensures that the training you will receive is current, relevant, and easy to understand.

This student handbook outlines important information on our procedures that you may require as a student at The Pet Industry College. Our education team will provide you with guidance and assistance to ensure that you receive the maximum benefit from your studies.

To ensure that your learning experience will be a positive one, our courses are delivered using excellent quality and innovative course materials. Our student support services team is committed to delivering an excellent experience to you. We wish you all the best in your studies and we look forward to helping you achieve your new qualification to advance your career.

This Student Handbook sets out the policies and procedures for the training and assessment that you will receive at The Pet Industry College. Please read the Student Handbook before enrolling in any of the The Pet Industry College courses.

The Pet Industry College is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO No. 70236) and is recognised by Australian Skills Quality Authority as a deliverer of nationally recognised training from ACM Training Package.

Mission Statement The Pet Industry College

The Pet Industry College seeks to provide dynamic, innovative, and high-quality content-oriented courses and materials to our learners studying in our courses. Our goal is to provide modern, relevant, job-oriented training programs that assist individuals wishing to advance or change careers within the Animal Care Services industry.

The Pet Industry College's Australian-accredited course programs are designed to be flexible enough to allow students to work whilst working towards the completion of a high-demand certificate course. Our courses are aligned to current industry needs and provide a focus on employability to become ready to work as pet professionals within the Animal services industry.

The Pet Industry College aims to provide practical-based training that develops robust work skills through imaginative and collaborative approaches in developing course content and delivering practice-based training and assessment methods as emphasised in the The Pet Industry College model of learning.

Become graduates—who are renowned by the business and industry as being highly-skilled alumni that develop into leading industry professionals.

Training Programs

You will be provided with:

1. Industry recognised and developed training.
2. Practical scenarios to ensure your training is providing you with the skills required to gain employment; and;
3. Support services to ensure your training can be completed.

We will not guarantee:

1. You will successfully complete the training course, as the onus is on you to undertake all training and complete all assessment tasks and;
2. You will be employed at the conclusion of your training.

Enrolling in one of our courses is the next step to increase your skills and knowledge in the companion animal industry. Our scope of registration course offerings are:

- ACM30122 Certificate III in Animal Care Services
- ACM40322 Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour & Training (General Stream)
- ACM40322 Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour & Training (Assistance Dog Stream)
- ACM40222 Certificate IV in Animal Facility Management
- Additional online short courses (Animal Behaviour and Methodology Modules 1-3, First Aid for Animals etc.)

For more information on the courses The Pet Industry College has on offer, please refer to our website.

Student Guarantee

The Pet Industry College guarantees to advise students of any changes to the services provided under the agreement as soon as practicable, including any changes of ownership.

The Pet Industry College guarantees that if, for whatever reason, it is unable to deliver the agreed training for a student, The Pet Industry College will make the necessary arrangements for the training to be delivered by another Registered Training Organisation.

The Pet Industry College Team

Students may contact The Pet Industry College at 0290 001 581 or at info@petindustrycollege.com.au

Student Support

Students completing a training program will be supported by The Pet Industry College's Student Support Team. Our knowledgeable team will work with you to help you achieve success in your chosen field.

The Support Team can assist students through a variety of activities:

- Assisting with logging in the Student Management System (SMS) and with accessing the resources
- Supporting flexible learning and processing extensions where applicable
- Arranging contact between trainer/assessors and students where required
- Assisting students with finding and understanding their trainer's feedback

Trainers

Your trainers will be qualified industry professionals, who have extensive industry experience and currency within the animal services industry ready to guide you through your learning. You can be assured that you will learn from leaders in animal services education at The Pet Industry College. Their feedback and guidance will ensure that you are job-ready to commence diverse and exciting careers within the Animal services industry.

All The Pet Industry College trainers must follow the below requirements as outlined in the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025:

Training and assessment are delivered by trainers and assessors who have:

1. vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered and assessed.
2. current industry skills directly relevant to the training and assessment being provided; and
3. current knowledge and skills in vocational training and learning that informs their training and assessment.
4. The RTO's training and assessment is delivered only by persons who have:
 - a. TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or its successor, or
 - b. TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment plus the following units:
 - c. TAELLN411 (or its successor) or TAELLN401A; and
 - d. TAEASS502 (or its successor) or TAEASS502A or TAEASS502B; or
 - e. A Diploma or higher-level qualification in adult education.

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 - a. As above, or
 - b. TAEASS00011 Assessor Skill Set or its successor.

Student Selection

The Pet Industry College conducts recruitment of students always in an ethical, fair and responsible manner using various methods.

The Pet Industry College is committed to ensuring that all student selection processes are fair, equitable and consistent with workplace performance, competency level and the training package requirements. Therefore, selection into a training program is based upon the applicant:

meeting any pre-requisite qualifications or work experience, and

meeting any age requirements that may be in place for a particular course.

Student enrolments are subject to availability of places on the training program. This is based on the maximum number of participants who can be accommodated, type of course, learning structures, student needs etc.

The Pet Industry College shall ensure that any applicants who do not meet entry requirements are advised of any appropriate pre-entry training they may take to meet eligibility criteria.

Enrolment

While The Pet Industry College will endeavor to complete the enrolment process as quickly as possible, please allow up to 5 business days from confirmation of your payment for enrolment. Upon enrolment, students will receive course information via email and personalised logins.

Students can enroll through choosing a payment plan which requires a deposit upon enrolment and several regular payments made during the enrolment period. Students who miss a regular payment will receive a reminder of the payment due. If fourteen (14) days pass without receipt of this payment, the student's enrolment will be suspended until the payment has been received. The student will be notified of the suspension. Once payment has been received, the suspended enrolment will be restored.

Unique Student Identifier

An initiative of the Australian Government is the requirement for all students of Vocational Education and Training to supply a Unique Student Identifier number to their VET provider. Students will be assisted by The Pet Industry College to apply for and supply their USI if authorised by the student. The Pet Industry College has a registered facility to verify each USI before issuance of any certification. All students should be aware that The Pet Industry College and no VET provider, can issue a certificate for a VET qualification without being supplied with a student's USI.

Exemptions to the USI requirements may apply including for international students studying onshore and outside of Australia. For any student exempt from supplying a USI, completion of results and records will not be available through the Commonwealth Registrar. The Pet Industry College can use the following links to search for or create USIs (ONLY with student permission):

<http://usi.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx> or <https://portal.usi.gov.au/org/>

Transfer to another course

Clients who wish to transfer to another course offered by The Pet Industry College must submit their request in writing within six months of the student's enrolment application (or within 12 months of a course of 24 months duration). A transfer fee of \$190 will be payable PLUS the difference between the original course fee paid and the full course (not promotional fee).

Transfer approvals are subject to course availability. No refund is applicable where a student chooses to transfer to another course of less value. Workshop components of a course cannot be transferred to another course upon enrolment, for courses with workshop components.

The original course end date is transferred to the new course, and if the student wishes to extend the new course beyond the original course enrolment expiry, extension fees will be payable in accordance with The Pet Industry College extension fees.

Upon transferring to another course, a student relinquishes their enrolment in the original course.

Studying at The Pet Industry College

The Pet Industry College conducts training courses to suit student needs, course type, and learning styles. The following student guidelines will help foster a healthy learning environment for all students.

Personal & Academic Support

As a student at The Pet Industry College, you will enjoy the many benefits of studying at your own pace with flexible hours. Our student support team is available from Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm to assist you with any questions you may have.

Trainers are also able to provide guidance by phone and email. Help and support is only a phone call or email away:

Email: info@petindustrycollege.com.au

Contact number: 02 90000 1581

The Pet Industry College conducts assessment of needs upon enrolment or before commencement of training. In such cases, The Pet Industry College will ensure that the assessment of need is undertaken at the earliest possible opportunity, and any identified support needs issues are managed.

Learner support may include but is not limited to any disability or impairment that restricts access and equity as well as, computer literacy or English language, literacy, and numeracy (LLN) information obtained from learners prior to enrolment and prior to the commencement of their first unit of competency.

Educational and support services may include, but are not limited to:

- pre-enrolment materials.
- study support and study skills programs.
- language, literacy, and numeracy (LLN) programs or referrals to these programs.
- flexible scheduling and delivery of training and assessment.
- information and communications technology (ICT) support.
- any other services that the RTO considers necessary to support learners to achieve competency.

The Pet Industry College has partnered with Australian Counselling Service (ACS) to support our students' wellbeing. ACS offers free, short-term counselling services to our students. If you would like more information about these services, please email info@petindustrycollege.com.au

You will be informed if additional costs may be incurred to arrange access to additional external support services.

Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) Assessment

In alignment with the revised Standards for RTOs (effective 1 July 2025), The Pet Industry College ensures that all students undertake a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) assessment as part of the enrolment process.

The purpose of this assessment is to identify any support needs early, ensuring students are adequately prepared to engage with their course content and assessment tasks. This includes evaluating a student's ability to navigate digital tools and platforms necessary for learning and assessment in modern training environments.

The Pet Industry College is committed to making reasonable adjustments for students who may experience difficulties in LLN or digital literacy, provided these do not compromise the competency requirements of the relevant courses or the integrity, equity, and fairness of the assessment process.

Where challenges are identified, tailored support strategies are developed in consultation with the students. These may include:

- Adjustments to learning or assessment modes and methods,
- Access to supplementary learning resources,
- Additional support sessions, or
- Extended time for assessments where appropriate.

Learning and assessment materials are delivered at the level of complexity required by the training package, with opportunities for supported and repeated practice built into the learning experience.

This approach ensures that every student has a fair and equitable opportunity to succeed in their chosen course, while upholding the standards of quality training and assessment as required under the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025.

Where can I get help with language, literacy, and numeracy?

Individuals who want to get help with their literacy and numeracy can access information about the nearest LLN provider by calling the Reading Writing Hotline on 1300 655 506.

What is the Reading Writing Hotline?

The Reading Writing Hotline is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training. The project is managed by TAFE NSW - Access and General Education Curriculum Centre and is Australia's national telephone adult literacy and numeracy referral service. For the price of a local call from anywhere in Australia, the hotline can provide you with advice as well as a referral to one of 1200 providers of courses in adult literacy and numeracy.

What happens when I call the Hotline?

You will speak to an experienced adult literacy teacher who will advise you on ways you can access classes in your local area to improve reading, writing, spelling and maths skills. The information you give about yourself is confidential and will not be given to anyone else.

When can I call the Hotline?

You can call the Hotline at any time. If a teacher is unavailable to take your call, your name and number will be taken by the hotline paging service and your call will be returned.

Flexible Learning and Assessment

You can start anytime and The Pet Industry College will develop a unique training plan for each student to assist with time management and fitting studying around your work and life commitments.

If you've already completed a qualification, it may be possible to apply for credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning (RPL) as long as sufficient and current evidence is provided as required. To learn more about credit transfer and recognition of prior learning, please refer to the RPL and Credit Transfer Policy located in the Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.

For further information on how to apply for credit transfer and RPL you can contact The Pet Industry College's student support team.

Assessment Requirements

All assessments must be submitted by the due date. If you are having difficulty completing an assessment, you may discuss it with your trainer/assessor well in advance of the due date. This way the trainer/assessor may be able to provide support or grant additional time. Please note there may be conditions for gaining an extension.

Students are advised to keep a copy of their assessments prior to submitting them. The Pet Industry College accepts no responsibility for lost assessment tasks.

Please note: Students will have to complete assessment tasks again if their work goes missing, and therefore it is important to keep a copy of their original assessment tasks.

Assessments must be always submitted online. Paper-based assessment tasks will not be accepted unless under extenuating circumstances where previous approval has been granted by The Pet Industry College in writing.

Assessment Malpractice

Assessment malpractice includes cheating, collusion and plagiarism.

The Pet Industry College regards the integrity of assessment as critical to its professional responsibilities as an RTO and therefore strives to ensure the assessment processes are not compromised. The Pet Industry College has policies and procedures in place for dealing with assessment malpractice.

What is cheating?

Cheating within the context of the study environment means to dishonestly present an assessment task or assessment activity as genuinely representing your own understanding of and/or ability in the subject concerned.

Some examples of cheating are:

- Submitting someone else's work as your own whether you have that person's consent or not.
- Submitting another author's work as your own, without proper acknowledgement of the author's permission.
- To allow someone else to submit your own work as theirs.
- To use any part of someone else's work without the proper acknowledgement.

There are other forms of cheating that are not included on this list. These are merely given as examples. If you are unsure about whether any behaviour would constitute plagiarism or cheating, please check with your trainer prior to submitting your assessment work.

What is Collusion?

Collusion is the presentation of work, which is the result in whole or in part of unauthorised collaboration with another person or persons. It is your responsibility to ensure that other students do not have the opportunity to copy your work.

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a form of cheating and includes presenting another person's or organisation's ideas or expressions as your own. This includes, however, not limited to copying written works such as books or journals, data or images, tables, diagrams, designs, plans, photographs, film, music, formulae, web sites and computer programs.

What are the Penalties for Plagiarism or Cheating?

If a trainer suspects that you are cheating, they will investigate further to establish evidence to support their suspicion. By looking at learning resources, searching on Google and reviewing previous or current student's work. If evidence to support the suspicion is established, your trainer will then report their concerns to The Pet Industry College's. From there the following process will be followed:

1. The assessor will contact you in writing outlining their concerns with your submitted work.
2. You will then have an opportunity to respond to any allegations of cheating or plagiarism.
3. If the National Education Managers investigation confirms that you have engaged in cheating or plagiarism you will be advised of one of the following consequences:
 - a. If it is determined that your offence committed is minor or unintentional, you will be asked to resubmit your work and be given a formal warning in writing by The Pet Industry College's National Education Manager
 - b. If it is determined that your offence committed is of a serious and intentional nature, you may be un-enrolled in that unit and must re-enroll if you wish to complete that unit. Your result for that unit will be recorded as Not Competent. A cheating/plagiarism note will also be recorded against your student file. Notification of any such decision will be made in writing by The Pet Industry College's National Education Manager.
4. If the conduct is repeated or if the initial conduct is of a very serious nature (as determined by the National Education Manager, such as knowingly falsifying assessment evidence, the student's enrolment may be terminated. In case of termination, all fees paid will be non-refundable.

What if I don't agree with the decision?

If you disagree with the decision or the penalty imposed, you are entitled to lodge an appeal in accordance with the Appeals Policy and Process. For more information you may refer to the Complaints and Appeals section of the Student Handbook.

How do I avoid Plagiarism or Cheating?

Students are advised to note the following advice to avoid claims of plagiarism or cheating:

- Always reference other people's work. You may quote from someone else's work (for example, from websites, textbooks, journals or other published materials), but you must always indicate the author and source of the material.
- Always reference your sources. You should name sources for any graphs, tables, or specific data, which you include in your assignment.
- You must not copy someone else's work and present it as your own.
- You must not falsify assessment evidence.

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools in Assessments

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, and Google Gemini can be helpful for research and understanding course content. However, misusing these tools may be considered plagiarism or cheating if you present AI-generated content as your own work.

The Pet Industry College encourages responsible use of AI, guided by the following rules:

Acceptable Use of AI:

- Using AI to help you understand a topic or get started with research ideas.
- Asking AI to summarise complex information or explain key terms, so you can better understand the material.
- Using AI to improve grammar or sentence structure in your own writing.

Unacceptable Use of AI:

- Copying and pasting AI-generated content into your assessments and submitting it as your own.
- Using AI to write entire paragraphs or tasks, then submitting them without your own input or reference.
- Paraphrasing AI-generated responses without citation—this is still considered plagiarism.

Referencing AI Use:

- If you use an AI tool to help with an assignment, you must acknowledge it in your references.
- Example (APA 7th edition):
OpenAI. (2025). ChatGPT (June 2025 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/>
- In-text citation:
(ChatGPT, OpenAI, 2025)
- Always check with your trainer if you are unsure how to reference AI or whether your use of AI is appropriate for a particular assessment.

Misuse of AI may lead to the same penalties as other forms of plagiarism or cheating.

Code of Conduct

All The Pet Industry College participants are expected to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour during both training and assessment. Any breach of discipline will result in the participant being given a 'written warning'. Further breach will result in a participant being asked to 'show cause' as to why they should not be excluded from further participation in the program. A third breach will result in an instant dismissal from the training environment. Where a breach is deemed of a serious nature, as determined by the National Education Manager, the student's enrolment may be terminated. In instances of dismissal and termination of enrolment, all fees paid will be non-refundable.

Personal interaction, staff-to-student and student-to-student is expected to be respectful. An aggressive manner or degrading and abusive language will be considered contrary to the Code of Conduct and a breach of discipline.

The following are further instances of breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Discrimination

Discrimination means treating a person less favorably than another because of a personal attribute that they may have. Under State and Federal equal opportunity laws, discrimination based on attributes is unlawful. The attributes that can initiate a discrimination claim include:

- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Race
- Religion
- Marital status
- Disability
- Colour
- Nationality
- Ethnicity
- National origin

Harassment

Harassment is any behavior which is unwelcome, offends, humiliates or intimidates the person being harassed. Harassment will not be tolerated at The Pet Industry College, and disciplinary action will be taken against any employee or student involved in such behavior. From a staff perspective, this may include termination of employment. From a student perspective, enrolment may be terminated, and all fees paid will be nonrefundable.

Examples of verbal harassment:

- Racist comments or jokes.
- Spreading rumors.
- Comments or jokes about a person's disability, pregnancy, sexuality, age religion etc.

- Threats, insults, or abuse.
- Offensive obscene language.

Physical Assault/Abuse

Physical abuse is an act of another party involving contact intended to cause feelings of physical pain, injury, or other physical suffering or bodily harm. Physical abuse will not be tolerated in any shape or form, and any instances of physical abuse will result in instant termination of the student's enrolment.

Some examples of physical abuse include:

- Striking
- Punching
- Pushing, pulling
- Slapping
- Striking with an object
- Excessive pinching on the body
- Kicking
- Tripping
- Kneeing
- Strangling
- Head-butting
- Placing in stress positions (tied or otherwise forced)
- Cutting or otherwise exposing somebody to something sharp
- Throwing or shooting a projectile
- Blinding a person or causing impairment of sight.
- Biting
- Eye poking

Change of Personal Details

Students are required to ensure their personal details recorded with The Pet Industry College are up to date at all times. Students must advise The Pet Industry College of any changes in personal details immediately in writing. If the student has an applicable loan and/or financial arrangement, it is the student's direct responsibility to notify the financial provider.

All testamurs will be emailed to email address and posted to the mailing address provided by the student.

Evaluation and Feedback

As a matter of quality assurance and continuous improvement, The Pet Industry College relies heavily on feedback from students. The Pet Industry College requires all students to complete various feedback and evaluation forms.

At the end of the training, students will be asked to provide feedback by completing a Learner Questionnaire and Course Feedback Form. Learner Questionnaires may also be emailed to a student. Participation in the survey is highly valued, but voluntary. The Pet Industry College will fully protect students' anonymity and the confidentiality of students' responses within the limits of the law.

Making the Most of your Training

It is very important to make the most of your training opportunities. Please note that it is your responsibility to do this. To optimize your own learning and successful completion, The Pet Industry College encourages you to do the following:

- Attend all available online and face to face sessions and complete all required reading and learning activities.
- Prepare well in advance of each session.
- Be a willing participant.
- Work with fellow learners.
- Respect other people's opinions.
- Ensure you have a clear understanding of the assessment requirements.
- Take responsibility for the quality of evidence that you submit to the Assessor.
- Keep track of your progress.
- Complete and submit all assessments on time, tasks using clear and concise language.
- Be willing to contact your trainer/assessor if you do not understand the training activity or assessment task.

Course Information

All training programs provided by The Pet Industry College are registered under nationally endorsed training packages.

These training programs are competency based, which means that training and assessment focus on the development and recognition of a person's ability to apply relevant knowledge and skills to perform workplace tasks to a specified standard.

Training Programs

The specific skills and knowledge required for activities are set out in Units of Competency which can be grouped together to formulate the completion of a nationally recognised qualification. Nationally recognized qualifications are outlined in training packages. These can be viewed at www.training.gov.au

Each qualification has a list of employability skills and foundation skills which describe the non-technical skills and competencies that are important for effective and successful participation in the workforce. For each qualification there are specific employability skills listed under the following headings:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Initiative and enterprise
- Planning and organizing
- Self-management
- Learning
- Technology

These employability skills will be part of the assessment requirements of a nationally accredited course.

Competency Based Training

All programs delivered by The Pet Industry College are assessed under the principles of Competency Based Training. The aim of Competency Based Training is to assess the student's ability to complete the activities in each unit.

The Pet Industry College will assess the student's ability (or competence) to carry out the activities in each unit of competency.

Competencies are normally expressed in terms of a unit of competency. For example, if you were working in a retail store, a unit of competency might include "use point of sale equipment." Competencies include the skills and tasks that are required in the workplace. When a student is assessed on these activities, the student will be required to perform the activity to the level required in the workplace.

All assessment results are recorded in The Pet Industry College's Student Management System. Students have access to their assessment outcomes via the student portal or by request.

Qualifications are issued from the results recorded in The Pet Industry College 's Student Management System.

Flexible Delivery

Flexible delivery means providing training that best suits the participant and/or employer. Flexible delivery focuses on learning rather than teaching to provide the best possible learning experience for the participants. This means that the participant has greater control over what, when, and how they learn.

The Pet Industry College through a combination of online delivery with work placements and practical assessment task activities which need to be demonstrated within animal services work environments.

Distance Learning (Online)

The Pet Industry College delivers the Training of its Distance courses in an online format. Students are provided with all learning materials, assessment tools, student forums, and other resources required to complete their course. Students will be provided with their timetables from which a structured sequence of units will be delivered throughout their course, facilitated, and delivered by our ACM Trainers and assessors.

Work Placement

The Pet Industry College offers courses such as ACM30122, ACM40322 and ACM40222 which require the student to enter a Vocational Placement within animal services work environments. To successfully gain qualification, the student must complete vocational placement. The student will need to initiate contact with a registered organisation. This workplace-based experience will solidify the student's practical experience as they go about their duties in the registered organisation and demonstrate their application of skills in the workplace. Please refer to Course Brochures for further information.

Work placement can be carried out, at facilities that our organisation has agreements/partnerships with. Please contact us to arrange this.

The 40 hours of work placement undertaken at an ADI or GHAD organisation by students enrolled in the ACM40322 Animal Behaviour & Training Assistance Dog Stream, must be sourced by the student before enrolment.

Workshop Sessions

Workshops are scheduled several times during your course. These sessions are mandatory for some courses (review your course requirements for how many you must attend) and are conducted at various locations around Australia by our accredited and industry experienced trainers and assessors.

Industry Engagement

The college engages with industry, including skills councils and employers, to ensure our training and assessment services are being delivered to meet the needs of the industry and that your training is relevant to industry requirements. To provide students with the required skills, knowledge and capabilities to be job ready.

Computer Specifications and Requirements

The software requirements to ensure the course materials are accessible are as follows:

- Latest versions of Word and Adobe Reader are required
- Some applications (videos) will require the latest version of Flash-Player
- We recommend Google Chrome as an Internet Browser most compatible with the student portal.

We recommend an internet speed of at least 5mpbs. You can check your internet speed with free speed checkers such as this one. Slower connections may suffice for accessing your materials through Adobe Reader. However, you may experience quality and downloading issues with other multimedia resources. We aim for maximum operational efficiency with our high-quality SMS, however from time-to-time outages may occur, but these will be attended to as quickly as possible.

For Webinar-based Blended/Online courses on specific qualifications. There are important requirements to be able to participate in a Webinar-based course and these are as follows:

- Internet (Minimum 5 mbps Downloads & 1.5 mbps Uploads)
- Google Chrome Web Browser (available as free download)
- Latest Adobe Flash Player and Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel 97 or later (equivalent)
- Webcam (optional)
- Headset with microphone (noise cancelling preferable)
- Comfortable seating at PC or Mac and suitable area for breaks

Evidence Requirements

Evidence is the material proof that you have performed the specified competency or task to the required standard. Your evidence requirements will be determined by the Unit of Competency, employability skill requirements, industry expectations, government regulations, and your qualifications and current experience. Evidence can take many forms, and you will be required to present more than just one piece of evidence. Assessment tools that we will provide you with set out the exact requirements for evidence for each unit/module.

Examples of evidence could include one or more of the following:

1. Specific assessment tasks set by your assessor.
2. Observation reports
3. Certificates and awards
4. Examples of work completed or special projects
5. Current licenses
6. Position descriptions and performance reviews
7. Third party reports
8. Question responses
9. Media video/photo

Your evidence must also demonstrate the following:

1. That you can do the job or task to the required standard

2. Understand why the job should be done in a particular way.
3. Handle unexpected issues or problems.
4. Work with others 'in a team'
5. Do more than one thing at a time, e.g., perform the task and be aware of the occupational health and safety requirements.
6. Know the workplace rules and procedures.

Assessment

Assessment is defined as the process of collecting evidence and making judgments on the nature and extent of progress towards the performance requirement set out in a (competency) standard, or learning outcome, and, at the appropriate point, making a judgment as to whether competency has been achieved'.

In simple terms, assessment is the process of collecting evidence and making judgments on whether competency has been achieved. To be assessed as competent (C), you will need to provide evidence which demonstrates that you have the essential knowledge and skills to successfully complete the relevant unit to the required standard. Competency is simply about demonstrating that you can do the task with confidence to the required industry standard as endorsed by the training package or VET accredited Course.

An assessment of 'Not Yet Competent' (NYC) is not a failing mark. It is simply a request for more information or further confirmation of the knowledge and skills required. Our trainers will provide feedback to guide your resubmission and are available for contact if required. The student will be required to successfully resubmit the assessment with the required rectifications to achieve a competent result. The student will be allowed a limit of three submissions per unit of the course. To be eligible for the qualification, the student must receive a competent result for all units of the course.

Assessment, within competency-based approaches to learning, is criterion referenced. This means it identifies an individual's achievements of defined outcomes, rather than relating their performance to that of other learners or trainees.

Assessment methods used may include:

- Demonstration. (Within workplace environments ACM)
- Observation.
- Work samples.
- Workbook activities.
- Oral presentations.
- Role plays or simulation.
- Projects

Principles of Assessment

There are four key principles that are a part of the assessment process:

Fairness	The individual learner's needs are considered in the assessment process. Where appropriate, reasonable adjustments are applied by the RTO to take into account the individual learner's needs. The RTO informs the learner about the assessment process and provides the learner with the opportunity to challenge the results of the assessment and be reassessed if necessary.
Flexibility	Assessment is flexible to the individual learner by: • reflecting the learner's needs. • assessing competencies held by the learner no matter how or where they have been acquired; and • drawing from a range of assessment methods and using those that are appropriate to the context, the unit of competency and associated assessment requirements, and the individual.
Validity	Any assessment decision of the RTO is justified, based on the evidence of performance of the individual learner. Validity requires: • assessment against the unit/s of competency and the associated assessment requirements covers the broad range of skills and knowledge that are essential to competent performance. • assessment of knowledge and skills is integrated with their practical application. • assessment to be based on evidence that demonstrates that a learner could demonstrate these skills and knowledge in other similar situations; and • judgement of competence is based on evidence of learner performance that is aligned to the unit/s of competency and associated assessment requirements.
Reliability	Evidence presented for assessment is consistently interpreted, and assessment results are comparable irrespective of the assessor conducting the assessment.

Rules of Evidence

The Rules of Evidence are closely related to the principles of assessment and provide guidance on the collection of evidence to ensure that it is valid, sufficient, authentic and current as follows:

Validity	The assessor is assured that the learner has the skills, knowledge and attributes as described in the module or unit of competency and associated assessment requirements
Sufficiency	The assessor is assured that the quality, quantity and relevance of the assessment evidence enables a judgement to be made of a learner's competency.
Authenticity	The assessor is assured that the evidence presented for assessment is the learner's own work.
Currency	The assessor is assured that the assessment evidence demonstrates current competency. This requires the assessment evidence to be from the present or the very recent past.

Assessment Results

Results of assessment are provided to students as soon as practicable. These results are available through your student login account. Assessment results are always confidential and will not be given to any other party unless a written request signed by the student is received in advance.

Reasonable Adjustment

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties are encouraged to discuss with The Pet Industry College any 'reasonable adjustment' to learning and assessment processes which they consider would be necessary or assist them in the performance of their studies.

Careful consideration will be given to any requests for reasonable adjustment of this nature, and, where reasonably practicable, such adjustments will be made. There may, however, be circumstances where it will not be reasonable or reasonably practicable for The Pet Industry College to accommodate, or where other adjustments may be more appropriate. Reasonable adjustments cannot compromise the integrity of competency-based training and assessment.

Extensions for Assessment

It is expected that all assessment tasks will be handed in on the due date. Should you require additional time to complete an assessment, you must communicate with your assessor and apply for an extension. Standard extensions fees are as follows: \$125 for each additional month requested beyond the student's original course end date. No refund will be approved for any extension period not utilised.

Additional Submission and Support

Further submission attempts may be provided only at the discretion of The Pet Industry College. Students may request a third submission attempt - approval will be at the discretion of the trainer. Students may request a third attempt which may be provided at the discretion of the training management. This discretion will rely on the quality of previous submissions and the consideration of the study making progress through extra effort of the student to address the feedback required.

Should the third submission attempts be insufficient to gain competency OR if a discretionary attempt is not granted due to insufficient evidence of extra work, students will have the opportunity to purchase re- submissions/re-assessments for \$100 per submission. The student is advised to speak to a student support officer to assess the need for course extension and/or support services provided by The Pet Industry College.

Awards

Once a student has successfully completed all assessment requirements for their applicable course, the student will be issued with a Qualification/Testamur and an accompanying Record of Results.

For students who have not met all requirements for the course or students who withdraw from a course and have paid relevant fees have the right to receive Statement of Attainment from The Pet Industry College for the units of competency they have been deemed competent in.

Students should note that if they are paying for their course via the payment plan option, they will be unable to receive their qualification or statement of attainment until course fees are paid in their entirety.

The Qualification or Statement of Attainment will be emailed to the current email address and mailed to the current address noted in The Pet Industry College's Student Management System. The student should allow 30 calendar days from the date of completion of the course for the issuance of your award.

Important Information regarding awards at The Pet Industry College

- Awards will only be issued to students whose financial status with the college is up to date
- It is the responsibility of the student to understand their obligations regarding fees due for units Studied.
- For a student to be eligible to receive an award, the student must successfully complete all the units listed.
- Training package courses have been submitted to the regulatory authorities, and all units specified in that course are the subjects a student must complete to be eligible to receive that award.

AQF certification documents can be re-issued to a student upon written request. Replacement certification documentation will incur a fee of \$50 per request.

See the Certificate Issuance Policy for more details.

Course Delivery

The Pet Industry College ensures the following resources are in place:

- Trainer/assessors and assessors with appropriate qualifications, and experience.
- Course materials appropriate to the methods of delivery and assessment requirements.
- All necessary copyright authorisations.
- Appropriate equipment and facilities.

The training and assessment methods used by The Pet Industry College meet specific quality requirements and are chosen to best suit the unit of competency, while considering the student's learning style.

Several delivery methods will be used throughout the training to help you achieve the necessary skills. Learning is a partnership that involves participation from all involved.

Delivery methods may include, but are not limited to:

- practical demonstrations
- audio/visual presentations
- group participation/ discussions
- trainer/facilitator instruction
- practical activities
- self-paced activities
- individual projects
- workplace based training
- case studies

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

All students have the opportunity to apply for recognition of prior learning. This means that you can submit evidence for a Unit(s) of Competency, and have it assessed by a qualified assessor without completing the training.

The Pet Industry College believes that no learner should be required to undertake a unit of competency for which they are already able to demonstrate satisfactory achievement of the performance outcomes, as stated in the endorsed training package or nationally recognised course.

The Pet Industry College aims to always maximise the recognition of a learner's prior skills and knowledge whilst maintaining the integrity and standards of the defined learning outcomes of the ACM training products from the ACM training package. Students who consider they already possess the competencies identified in all or part of any course/qualification offered by The Pet Industry College may seek recognition.

If you think you have the necessary knowledge and skills to match a Unit(s) of Competency or a qualification at the required standard, you need to contact your trainer or any The Pet Industry College admissions staff who will provide the information you need to complete an application.

Recognition Process

Recognition is a method of assessing if you have evidence of competency for a particular unit of competency that you are enrolled in. It is important to remember that recognition is an assessment process, not an assumption of competence.

Recognition is the determination, on an individual basis, of the competencies obtained by a student through:

- previous formal/informal training.
- work experience; and/or
- life experience.

Recognition therefore determines the subsequent advanced standing to which the student is entitled in relation to a course/qualification. The main focus of recognition is what has been learned rather than how, where, or when it was learned. Recognition focuses on both the demonstration of competence and the currency of that competence to industry standards.

It is important to note that the onus is on the student to present evidence and demonstrate pre-existing competence to justify a claim for recognition and present their case to the satisfaction of the assessor.

Any documents that you provide to support your claim of competency must be originals rather than copies. Your original documents will be photocopied and handed back to you. It is also expected that any evidence submitted is your own, and if any part of the work is the work of others, this is formally acknowledged and advised.

Recognition Decision

Regardless of the type of evidence that you submit, Assessors must be confident that the evidence meets the following criteria:

- Full requirements of the Unit of Competency(s).
- Any regulatory requirements.
- Authenticity - That it is your own evidence and can be authenticated.
- That you can perform competently, consistently, and reliably.
- Is at the standard expected in industry and set out in the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).
- Sufficiency - There is sufficient evidence to make a judgment.

The Pet Industry College is committed to ensuring that all judgments made by trainers against the same competency standards are consistent. Your trainer will examine the evidence that you present and then make a judgment on that evidence which will be either:

- Competent (C) - you have been deemed competent against all the requirements of the Unit/s of Competency

- Not Yet Competent (NYC) - you have not yet demonstrated competency to all requirements.

Your trainer will advise you of the outcome of your application for RPL and advise where gap training and/or assessment is required.

Credit Transfer

The Pet Industry College recognises the AQF qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). Where a student has completed a unit/s competency prior to enrolling with The Pet Industry College that are included in the course in which the student is enrolling, the student may apply for recognition. This may result in the student not having to complete the same unit of competency. This is known as credit transfer. Should you wish to seek credit transfer, contact the The Pet Industry College Admissions Staff for a Credit Transfer Form. This must be submitted before your course start date.

See the RPL and Credit Transfer Policy for more details.

Policies and Procedures

Access and Equity

The Pet Industry College is committed to providing opportunities for all people for advancement, regardless of their background. We support government policy initiatives and provide access to our training for all those seeking to undertake it.

We ensure that our student selection criteria are non-discriminatory and provide fair access to training for the disadvantaged. In addition, we liaise with agencies and government departments for assistance in matters of language, literacy, and numeracy difficulties.

Complaints and Appeals Policy

Complaints

The Pet Industry College supports the rights of a student to lodge a grievance or complaint if a student feels they have been treated unfairly. The Pet Industry College will do everything possible to address grievances or complaints in an unbiased and professional manner. Complaints are welcomed as a means of ensuring that we identify and overcome problems faced by students and provide an opportunity to improve our business and/or the delivery of our training programs.

1. The Pet Industry College recommends for students to first try and resolve the complaint/appeal informally by contacting their trainer or The Pet Industry College student support team at 0290 001 581 or via info@petindustrycollege.com.au
2. All complaints should be committed to in writing at the earliest possible opportunity and lodged through The Pet Industry College's Complaints Online Form. You can access the Complaints Lodgement Form through The Pet Industry College's Website. This will constitute a formal complaint from the student. This should only happen once step one has been completed and where the student is unhappy with the outcome of this step.
3. The National Education Manager of The Pet Industry College is automatically notified via email each time a Complaints and appeals form has been submitted.
4. The National Education Manager of The Pet Industry College will initiate a transparent, participative process to deal with the issues at hand.
5. Complaints are to be resolved within 10 working days of the initial application. The National Education Manager of The Pet Industry College may delegate responsibility for the resolution of the complaint as required. In all cases, the conclusion will be endorsed by The Pet Industry College National Education Manager.
6. The student will be advised in writing of the outcome of their complaint via email.
7. If the outcome is not to the satisfaction of the student, he/she may contact the National Education Manager to discuss their concerns.
8. All complaints will be handled as Staff-In-Confidence.

Where the student remains unhappy with the outcome:

- The student has the right to request a review of the appeal by an independent party.
- The student will be responsible for the costs of independent review.
- The Pet Industry College will cooperate fully with this independent review.

The Pet Industry College will aim to complete this complaints process as quickly as possible and within a total of 30 days. Where a complaint takes more than 60 days to resolve, the RTO will advise and inform the complainant in writing. The Pet Industry College will keep the student informed of the progress of the complaint throughout the process.

Appeals

The Pet Industry College supports the rights of a student to lodge an appeal against any assessment decision and will not impair that right in any way. The Pet Industry College will do everything possible to address the appeal in an unbiased and professional manner.

Any student wishing to appeal against the assessment decision/judgment should follow the steps outlined below.

1. The Pet Industry College recommends for students to first try and resolve the appeal informally by contacting their trainer to discuss their assessment result and why they believe that the trainer's judgement is incorrect showing evidence of how they have addressed the assessment criteria. Students may also contact the The Pet Industry College support team at 0290 001 581 or info@petindustrycollege.com.au
2. All appeals should be committed to in writing at the earliest possible opportunity and lodged through The Pet Industry College's Appeals Lodgment Form through The Pet Industry College's Website. This will constitute a formal appeal from the student. This should only happen once step one has been completed and where the student is unhappy with the outcome of this step.
3. The appeal request should contain the following information:
 - a. The student's full name and number
 - b. The unit/subject being assessed.
 - c. Each assessment task name/number (where the result is being disputed) including why the result should be overturned. The student should refer directly to how they believe they have met the requirement of each task in detail and referencing any evidence to support their claims.
4. The National Education Manager of The Pet Industry College is automatically notified via email each time an Appeals form has been submitted.
5. The National Education Manager will initiate a transparent, participative process to deal with the issues at hand.
6. Appeals are to be responded to within 10 working days of the initial application.
7. The National Education Manager of The Pet Industry College may delegate responsibility for the resolution of the appeal as required. In all cases the conclusion will be endorsed by The Pet Industry College's National Education Manager.
8. The student will be advised in writing of the outcome of their appeal via email.
9. All appeals will be handled as Staff-In-Confidence.
10. If the outcome is not to the satisfaction of the student, he/she may contact The Pet Industry College to discuss their concerns.

Where the student is unhappy with the outcome at step two, they can follow the formal appeal process outlined below.

- The student has the right to request a review of the appeal by an independent party.
- The student will be responsible for the costs of independent review.
- The Pet Industry College will cooperate fully with this independent review.
- The Pet Industry College will aim to complete this appeal process as quickly as possible and within a total of 30 days. Where an appeal will take more than 60 days to resolve, the RTO will advise and inform the appellant in writing. The Pet Industry College will keep the student informed of the progress of the appeal throughout the process.

See the Complaints and Appeals Policies for more details.

Learner Support, Wellbeing and Safety

(Alignment with ASQA Outcome Standards – Standards 2.5 & 2.6)

Learner Support Services (Standard 2.5)

The Pet Industry College is committed to supporting students to successfully participate in and complete their training. The college identifies learner support needs at enrolment and throughout the duration of training.

Support needs may be identified through:

- Pre-enrolment discussions and course information sessions
- Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) assessment
- Student self-disclosure during enrolment
- Trainer or assessor observations during training or assessment
- Student requests for assistance

Where support needs are identified, The Pet Industry College will implement appropriate strategies to assist the student where reasonably practicable.

Support services may include, but are not limited to:

- Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) support
- Digital literacy assistance
- Study skills and learning support
- Additional trainer guidance or mentoring
- Flexible learning arrangements
- Reasonable adjustment to assessment methods
- Additional time for assessments where appropriate
- Referral to external professional services

If a student requires support services beyond the scope of those available internally, The Pet Industry College may refer the student to appropriate external providers.

Examples of external referrals may include:

- Counselling services
- Disability support services
- Mental health services
- Literacy or language programs
- Community welfare organisations

The Pet Industry College will ensure students are informed about available support services and how to access them.

Learner Wellbeing and Safety (Standard 2.6)

The Pet Industry College is committed to providing a safe, respectful and supportive learning environment for all students, staff and visitors.

The college maintains processes to identify, respond to and manage risks to learner wellbeing, including:

- bullying
- harassment
- discrimination
- intimidation
- unsafe workplace practices
- threats to personal safety
- mental health concerns impacting learning

All students have the right to learn in an environment free from harassment, discrimination, victimisation or unsafe behaviour.

The Pet Industry College will not tolerate:

- bullying or harassment
- discrimination based on protected attributes
- threatening or abusive behaviour
- unsafe practices that may place learners or animals at risk

Reporting Safety or Wellbeing Concerns

Students are encouraged to report any wellbeing or safety concerns as soon as possible.

Concerns may be reported through:

- A trainer or assessor
- The Student Support Team
- The National Education Manager
- The formal complaints process

Reports will be handled confidentially where possible and managed in accordance with the college's Complaints and Appeals Policy.

The Pet Industry College will take appropriate action to investigate concerns and implement measures to protect the wellbeing and safety of students.

Student Wellbeing Support

The Pet Industry College recognises that students may experience personal circumstances that impact their studies. Where appropriate, the college may provide support options including:

- temporary study adjustments
- extensions on assessments
- referral to counselling services
- study deferrals or course extensions

The Pet Industry College has partnered with external wellbeing services to provide additional support where required.

Transition of Superseded Courses

The nationally recognised training courses delivered by The Pet Industry College may be superseded by a new training package qualification. If required, The Pet Industry College will apply to add the replacement training package qualification to its scope as soon as practicable but no later than 12 months from the date of publication of the replacement qualification on the national register.

The Pet Industry College will manage the transition of students to the updated course as soon as is practicable, but no later than 12 months from the date of publication of the replacement qualification on the national register. There may or may not be a fee payable to transition to the updated course.

Student Records

All student records are subject to The Pet Industry College's Privacy Policy. However, students may reasonably access their files by notifying The Pet Industry College. The management will endeavor to give students prompt access to their own files where reasonable notice is given.

The Pet Industry College will provide students with timely access to their participation and progress throughout the training course.

Procedure

Students can view their grades, trainer feedback, and the list of completed units via the student portal. For any other requests on their course progress, students are to contact student support at info@petindustrycollege.com.au. Students must list their full name, date of birth, address, course enrolment, and Student ID.

Students will receive notification that the request has been received and may be contacted by The Pet Industry College to obtain further information.

The Pet Industry College will issue a letter of confirmation outlining student results for the course within 7 working days of receiving the request. Students will receive this information by email.

Record Keeping Policy for Assignments and Student Information

The Pet Industry College has effective administrative and records management procedures in place that maintain student data in a secure and confidential manner.

Records of results, qualifications, and Statements of Attainment for students currently enrolled are stored in individual student files. Electronic files are kept up to date and backed up regularly, with the backup copy being kept in a secure location. All student records are stored for retention, archiving, and retrieval for a period of 30 years.

The Pet Industry College retains all rights to assignments, tests, exams, projects, and assessments. All soft copies of assessments submitted are retained via the The Pet Industry College LMS. All assessments will be kept for a period of 6 months from the date on which the judgement of competence for the student was made as outlined in ASQA's General Direction: Retention requirements for completed student assessment items.

Fee Administration and Refund Policy

The Pet Industry College has developed a fair and equitable process for determining course fees, refunds, and payment options. You must advise us of the cancellation in writing or by email. A non-refundable administration fee of \$500 will be subtracted from any refund granted under the terms and conditions outlined in this policy.

No refund is provided for cancellations outside of the refund period, though some cases may be considered, subject to The Pet Industry College management's discretion. In the case of online learning, training and assessment is

deemed to have commenced once the learner has been issued a username and login, and these have been used to access the online material.

Cancellation and Refunds

The Pet Industry College has a refund period whereby refunds are allowed for any reason, including change of mind, known as the 'Refund Period'. No refunds will be issued for cancellations outside of the refund period.

The 'refund period' is defined as 14 calendar days from the enrolment application date or agreement date. The first day of the refund period commences on the day of the agreement date. The 'Agreement Date' is defined as the date the terms and conditions that were agreed upon at the time the student submitted their enrolment information.

If you do not notify The Pet Industry College in writing within the refund period, you will not be eligible for a refund. All refunds will be paid to the person or organisation that originally paid the fees. Refunds will be paid within four calendar weeks of the date the request is received.

If you wish to terminate your studies before the completion of your course, you must first complete a Refund Request Form, available from our website and support team. In cases where a direct debit instalment agreement has been negotiated, you will still be liable to pay any and all outstanding fees to The Pet Industry College. This method of payment of your course fees does not remove your legal obligation to pay outstanding fees in their entirety. The Pet Industry College reserves the right to pursue recovery of all fees owed by any and all legally allowable means.

For refund applications within the refund period, the Refund Request Form must be received by The Pet Industry College within the refund period. A refund of the course fee, less the applicable administration fees, will only be issued if all the above criteria have been met and the student has no previous outstanding monies with The Pet Industry College.

This refund policy does not remove your right to take further action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

Special Consideration

The Pet Industry College understands that some students may experience prolonged difficulties that may impact on their ability to complete their course or a significant disadvantage as a result of a course change due to updates in the training packages that may not be addressed by:

- Extending the maximum duration of your course
- Providing additional learning support services
- Facilitating your Transfer to a different The Pet Industry College course; or
- Providing you with the option to complete an older version of the course (subject to availability and compliance with relevant regulations).

In such cases, students should apply for special consideration via email.

The Pet Industry College may grant special consideration in circumstances where:

- you are up to date with all course fees; and submit a special consideration request via email to The Pet Industry College, including the relevant sections completed by a medical doctor (where applicable) and any other requested additional supporting documentation.
- you have applied for and been granted a course deferral and the circumstances under which you were granted a course deferral are continuing and serious circumstances which will materially affect your ability to continue with your course; or
- There has been a material change to your course resulting in a material disadvantage for you which cannot be addressed as mentioned above.

If special consideration is granted, The Pet Industry College may agree to:

- an extension of the duration of the course.
- provide you with additional support services.
- release you from the payment of future instalments; and/or
- grant a pro rata refund of the Course Fees (considering the portion of the course that has been completed and the costs associated with the provision of learning materials).

Without limitation, special consideration will not be given if:

- You change jobs.
- Your work hours are changing.
- you move address (including interstate or international moves);
- your course changes under clause 15 because of a regulatory change governing The Pet Industry College;
- you find the course more difficult, time consuming or stressful than you had expected; or
- you are made redundant, retrenched, or otherwise resign from or terminate your employment or have your employment terminated.

Exceptions

In the unlikely event that The Pet Industry College is unable to deliver your course in full, however in the event that this occurs:

- You will be offered a refund for the part of your course that has not been assessed.
- The refund will be paid to you within two weeks of the date on which the course ceased being provided.
- Alternatively, you may be offered enrolment on a suitable alternative course at no additional cost to you. You have the right to choose whether you would prefer a refund for the part of your course that has not been assessed or to accept a place on another course.

Privacy Policy

The Pet Industry College will follow the Australian Privacy Principles in the management of all students and staff information, however allowing access as to all information as required by relevant National and State Training Authorities for the purpose of monitoring and/or auditing The Pet Industry College's operations as an RTO.

The purpose of the privacy policy is to:

- describe the types of personal information that we collect, hold, use, and disclose.
- outline our personal information handling systems and practices.
- enhance the transparency of our management of personal information.
- explain our authority to collect personal information, why it may be held by us, how it is used and how it is protected.
- notify whether we are likely to disclose personal information and, if so, to whom.
- provide information on how personal information can be accessed, correct it if necessary, and complain if you believe it has been wrongly collected or inappropriately handled.

See the Privacy Policy for more details.

Photos/Videos Taken on Course

The Pet Industry College may take photographs or video footage during the delivery of courses. The Pet Industry College must gain the consent of the participants before taking and using the footage. The Pet Industry College must indicate to the participants that photographs and video footage may be used for training purposes and promotional material.

Please let your trainer/assessor know if you do not wish to be in any photographs or videos.

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS)

The Pet Industry College is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and work environment. The safety of our students and staff is of primary importance in all activities and operations of our organisation. We are committed to implementing, maintaining, and continuously improving work health and safety in all our facilities and operations.

The Pet Industry College encourages all people to regard accident prevention and safety as a collective and individual responsibility.

The Pet Industry College recognises its responsibility under the Workplace Health and Safety and related regulations. The CEO has responsibility for ensuring the health and safety of staff, students, contractors, and visitors. This includes:

- provide and maintain safe plant, equipment, and systems of work.
- provide, monitor, and maintain systems for safe use, handling, storage and transportation of plant, equipment, and substances.
- maintain the workplace in a safe and healthy condition.
- provide adequate facilities to protect the welfare of all employees.
- provide information, training and supervision for all staff and contractors, helping them to integrate WHS into their work areas and roles.
- provide information, where relevant, to students, allowing them to learn in a safe manner.
- check WHS system compliance via ongoing auditing.

This handbook was created to meet the requirements of the VET Quality Framework.

STUDENT HANDBOOK



- integrate continuous improvement into WHS performance.

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