**Companion Animal Incident Management**

**Newsletter**

**New Skills Standards in Companion Animal Incident Management**

When dangerous incidents such as bushfires, floods and fires occur, a coordinated effort is required from a wide range of emergency response workers. The 2019-20 bushfires and recent flood events have highlighted the need for a national approach to managing the safety of companion animals and the people they live with during such incidents.

Over the past year, the animal care and management industry has contributed to a national project to update and develop skills standards for [companion animal incident management](https://www.skillsimpact.com.au/animal-care/training-package-projects/small-companion-animal-incident-management-project/). As a result of the consultation, eight units of competency and four skill sets were developed and revised to support the unique skills requirements of responding to an incident involving companion animals.

The new units have been added to Certificate III in Animal Care Services, Certificate IV in Animal Regulation and Management, and Certificate IV in Animal Facility Management. The newly developed skill standards will equip the animal care and management industry with the expertise it requires to protect companion animals and the people they live with from harm during and following life-threatening events.

The new and updated units, skill sets and qualifications are now published on the national training register ([training.gov.au](https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/ACM)).

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Our work helps our industries, training providers, and students access nationally consistent skills standards and qualifications, supporting greater employment opportunities and industry competitiveness.

We collaborate with industry, government and training providers to review and develop vocational units of competency, skill sets and qualifications. Working with our industries and government, we can track industry trends and document skills opportunities and challenges.

As part of our [Skills Service Organisation role](https://www.skillsimpact.com.au/our-sso-role/), we work with 12 Industry Reference Committees (IRCs) to review and update the national training packages containing competency units, skill sets and qualifications.

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