

MINOR GROUP 361 ANIMAL ATTENDANTS AND TRAINERS, AND SHEARERS

ANIMAL ATTENDANTS AND TRAINERS, AND SHEARERS care for, groom, train and shear animals, and assist Veterinarians.

Indicative Skill Level:

Most occupations in this minor group have a level of skill commensurate with the qualifications and experience outlined below.

In Australia:

AQF Certificate III including at least two years of on-the-job training, or AQF Certificate IV (ANZSCO Skill Level 3)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Level 4 qualification (ANZSCO Skill Level 3)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Tasks Include:

- training animals to obey commands and perform in competitions
- bathing, cutting, combing, blow-drying and styling pets' coats, clipping their nails and cleaning their ears
- inspecting, preparing, cleaning, disinfecting and maintaining comfortable animal cages and enclosures
- filling water troughs and feeding animals according to their individual needs
- shearing wool and hair from animals
- assisting Veterinarians to perform procedures and operations
- maintaining animal health records and monitoring animal health conditions and recovery after operations

Occupations in this minor group are classified into the following unit groups:

- 3611 Animal Attendants and Trainers
- 3612 Shearers
- 3613 Veterinary Nurses

UNIT GROUP 3611 ANIMAL ATTENDANTS AND TRAINERS

ANIMAL ATTENDANTS AND TRAINERS train, feed, groom and care for animals.

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In Australia:

AQF Certificate III including at least two years of on-the-job training, or AQF Certificate IV (ANZSCO Skill Level 3)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Level 4 qualification (ANZSCO Skill Level 3)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Registration or licensing may be required.

Tasks Include:

- teaching animals to obey verbal and non-verbal commands and addressing behavioural problems
- training animals to accept riders and pull vehicles
- training animals to perform in competitions
- bathing, cutting, combing, blow-drying and styling pets' coats, clipping their nails and cleaning their ears
- inspecting, preparing, cleaning, disinfecting and maintaining comfortable animal cages and enclosures
- transporting food, filling water troughs and feeding animals according to their individual needs
- maintaining animal health records, treating minor injuries and reporting serious conditions to Veterinarians
- exercising and playing with animals, answering visitor questions, and transferring animals between enclosures by leading or carrying them
- dusting and spraying insecticides on animals and immersing them in insecticide baths, to control insect pests

Occupations:

- 361111 Dog Trainer or Handler
- 361112 Horse Trainer
- 361113 Pet Groomer
- 361114 Zookeeper
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361111 DOG HANDLER OR TRAINER

Teaches dogs to obey commands and undertake specific tasks.

Skill Level: 3

361112 HORSE TRAINER

Prepares horses for riding, breeding, racing, work, show or competitions. Registration or licensing may be required.

Skill Level: 3

Specialisation:

Horse Breaker

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UNIT GROUP 3611 ANIMAL ATTENDANTS AND TRAINERS *continued*

361113 PET GROOMER

Washes, dries, brushes, combs, cuts and styles pets' coats, clips their nails and cleans their ears.

Skill Level: 3

361114 ZOOKEEPER

Feeds, provides water for and monitors the health of animals in zoos, aquaria and wildlife parks, cleans, fixes and maintains animal cages, and informs visitors about animals.

Skill Level: 3

Specialisation:

Aquarist

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This occupation group covers Animal Attendants and Trainers not elsewhere classified.

Skill Level: 3

Occupations in this group include:

Crutching Contractor

Kennel Hand

Muleser