

Generally, Australian Apprentices would commence at Certificate II and then go on to Certificate III or above. Certificate III is generally viewed as the 'trade level' qualification with many sectors now encouraging studies at the diploma and higher.

Employers of Australian Apprentices may be eligible for a training incentive from the Australian Government, other incentives such as an additional amount to encourage more females into the industry may be available.

Australian Apprentices are paid a wage by the employer during their training and where eligible a living away from home allowance is paid by the Australian Government.

Australian Apprenticeships are not just for young people. Anyone who is 15 years and older can be employed as a Australian Apprentice. You don't even need to be unemployed. Existing employees may be eligible under some circumstances, check with an Australian Apprenticeship Centre for eligibility and the incentive amounts.

Australian Apprenticeships offer a real advantage by providing a nationally recognised qualification and relevant industry skills.

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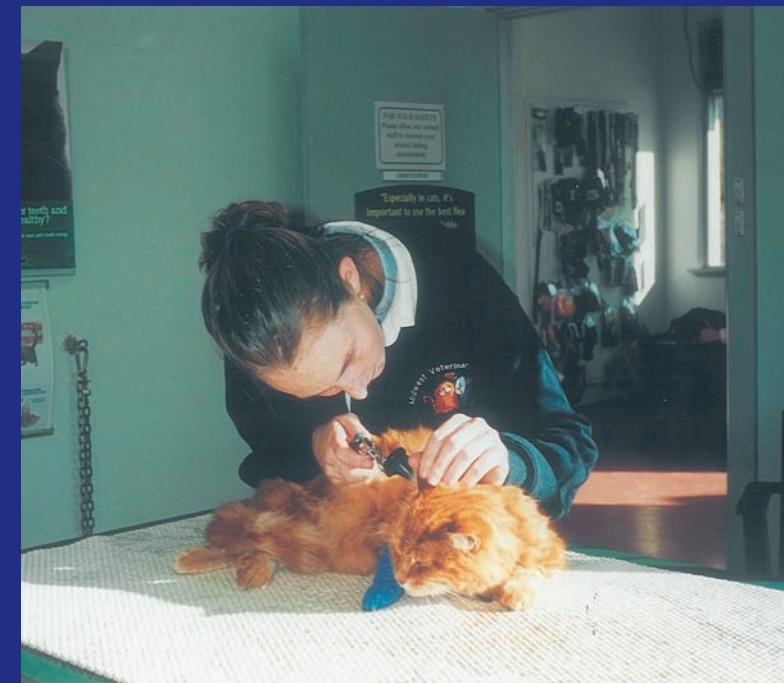


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# AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS

There are many interesting and rewarding careers in Animal Care and Management.

In most States Australian Apprenticeships in Animal Care and Management can be undertaken across five key industry sectors. Competition for employment can be very high, with work in some sectors of the industry being undertaken by volunteers.



## Animal Control and Regulation

Australia has one of the highest incidences of pet ownership in the world. Persons working in this sector could be involved with educating the public about pet ownership, enforcing regulations, minimising pet nuisance, maintaining on/off leash areas etc.

## Animal Technology

The Animal Technology sector has grown rapidly over recent years. Technicians could be involved with the care and husbandry of animals used in research, undertaking research, managing projects etc.

The qualifications that are potentially available as New Apprenticeships are:

- Certificate II in Animal Studies*
- Certificate III in Animal Technology*
- Certificate III in Captive Animals*
- Certificate III in Companion Animal Services*
- Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation*
- Certificate IV Captive Animals*
- Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services*
- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing*



## Captive Animals

Some animals are held in captivity in zoos, wildlife parks, sanctuaries and rescue centres. Persons working in this sector are often known as keepers and could be involved with feeding, animal hygiene, maintaining enclosures and exhibits, conducting public information sessions etc.

## Veterinary Nursing

Veterinarians in both companion and large animal practices are supported by veterinary nurses. Nurses could be involved with monitoring anaesthesia, nursing hospitalised animals, administering treatments, sterilising equipment, providing nutritional advice to pet owners etc.

## Companion Animal Services

This sector covers a range of operations such as pet shops, boarding facilities, grooming services, aquariums and animal training facilities. Persons working in this sector could be involved with a wide variety of activities associated with the daily care of animals as well as providing information to the public about products and services.

You could become multiskilled in both operational and management areas of the industry sector you have chosen to specialise in.

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