

Certified Advanced Professional Groomer (CAPG)

Purpose of the Qualification: This qualification aims to equip learners with an in-depth understanding of:

- Canine structure and anatomy
- Style, shape, and symmetry in grooming
- Advanced clipping and styling techniques
- Handling techniques for toy breeds and senior dogs
- Management of double-coated dog breeds

Learner Demonstrations: Participants are required to proficiently demonstrate:

- Safe handling, bathing, drying, and trimming of a toy breed
- Appropriate handling of senior dogs or dogs with smaller frames
- Safe handling, bathing, drying, and trimming of double-coated breeds

Knowledge and Understanding Areas:

- Animal welfare principles
- Detailed canine structure, anatomy, and balance
- Techniques for creating shape, style, and symmetry
- Proficient use of grooming tools: blades, scissors, blenders, and chunkers
- Specifics of grooming toy breeds
- Care and grooming of double-coated breeds
- Dematting procedures

Assessment Components:

- **Written Examination:**
 - Duration: 30 minutes
 - Format: 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice)
 - Passing Score: 86% or above
 - Content Source: All questions are derived from the provided Study Guide.
- **Practical Examinations:**
 - **Toy Breed Grooming:**
 - Eligible Breeds: Any from the toy group with a trimmable coat, under 10 inches (25 cm) at the withers, and weighing less than 10 lbs (5 kg)
 - Preparation: Dog should be bathed and prepared beforehand
 - Time Allowed: 45 minutes

- Passing Score: 86% or above
- **Double-Coated Breed Grooming:**
 - Eligible Breeds: Any double-coated breed
 - Preparation: Dog should be unbathed prior to the exam
 - Time Allowed: 90 minutes to bathe, dry, and groom (additional time may be granted for very large breeds)
 - Passing Score: 86% or above

Additional Resources:

- **Resource Manual:** A comprehensive manual covering both practical and theoretical aspects of the qualification, including:
 - Scissoring techniques
 - Grooming procedures for toy and double-coated breeds
 - Canine skeletal structure and anatomy
 - Methods for achieving shape, balance, and angulation
 - Dematting strategies
 - Opportunities for continued professional development
- **Guided Learning Hours:** 1,000 hours