

ICMG

Qualification handbook



This handbook covers the stages of qualifications up to International Certified Master Groomer ICMG

The stages are broken down into qualifications and learners have 5 years to complete all stages once started.

IPG is International Professional Groomers which is an organisation that certifies pet groomers all over the world. ICMG UK is the UK satellite organisation for training and certification within the UK

Membership is payable annually and there are many benefits and incentives to being a member of ICMG

There are distinct stages of qualifications within ICMG to demonstrate all capacities in dog grooming.

There are practical exams and written exams which include you showing a clear understanding of Breed standards along with the care of coat types, diseases and much more

Once learners have begun the certification process they have 5 years to complete up to ICMG level.

Some of the most important objectives of ICMG are:

Ethical Grooming

Kind Handling

Kindness Towards Fellow Groomers

Continual Learning

IPG CERTIFICATION

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Certified Salon Professional
Track 1 Stage 1
Practical and Written Exam

CSP

Certified Professional Groomer
Track 1 Stage 2
Practical and Written Exam
Practical – Kennel Trim

CPG

Certified Advanced Professional Groomer
Track 2
Written Exam on CAPG Book

Practical Toy Breed
Practical Double Coat

CAPG

International Certified Master Groomer Track 3

Non-Sporting Breed (Utility)
Practical & Written

Sporting (Gundog)
Practical & Written

Terrier
Practical & Written

Mixed Breed
Practical & Written

Toy Written
Hound Written
Working Written
Pastoral Written

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Centre Requirements

ICMG have courses running across the UK and exam centres for people to access areas for examinations.

New centres will need to gain approval from ICMG

Centre Staff must be:

Qualified to ICMG level

Can offer delivery with a range of learning styles to meet a diverse range of learners.

Have relevant teaching and learning experience in dog grooming or be working towards this.

Demonstrate continuing CPD

Centres must have access to a range of dog grooming equipment and resources along with a range of dogs and ensure the Animal Welfare Act and Standards are met.

Track 1 Stage 1

Certified Salon Professional - CSP

The Purpose of this qualification is for learners to understand the roles and responsibilities of a dog groomer and the requirements of dog groomers wanting to offer a service to customers.

The learner must demonstrate:

Safe Handling and restraint, effective bathing and drying of a coated breed, show skill in dealing with hygiene areas and trimming nails.

The Knowledge and understanding covers legislations. Codes of practice, animal welfare, canine health and disease. Groomer wellbeing.

There is a written examination, practical Examination and a bathing station evaluation.

There is a resource manual which covers the practical and written requirements of this qualification.

Topics include:

Handling Dogs and understanding Canine Behaviour

Canine Skin and Hair

Bathing and Drying

The Health Pet

Diseases

Parasites

Canine First Aid

Sanitation & disinfection

Groomer Health and Safety

The Salon Professional

Further CPD

200 Guided learning hours

Practical exam is 1 hour and 86% or above to pass.

Written is 1 hour, 100 questions 86% or above to pass.

Track 1 Stage 2

Certified Professional Groomer - CPG

The Purpose of this qualification is for learners to understand the techniques and considerations required for a pet groom/kennel trim. This Qualification cascades from CSP and enhances prior knowledge to a higher level of understanding

The learner must demonstrate:

Safe Handling and restraint, effective clipping styling a pet trim/kennel trim, show skill in use of clippers, blades, scissors.

The Knowledge and understanding covers animal welfare, handling dogs, aggressive dogs, Chemicals, knowledge of cat handling and care, Layers of the skin and hair growth, Clippers and blade use and care, what to do in an emergency.

There is a written examination, practical Examination and a grooming station evaluation.

There is a resource manual which covers the practical and written requirements of this qualification.

Topics include:

Pet Trim / kennel trim

Aggressive dogs

Cat Grooming importance

Chemicals

Epidermal Appendages

Hair Follicles

Erector pili Muscle

Clippers, Clipper Blades, Comb attachments and Scissors

Emergency procedures

Liability of the groomer

Further CPD

400 Guided learning hours

Practical exam is 1 hour and 86% or above to pass.

Written is 1 hour, 50 questions 86% or above to pass.

Track 2

Certified Advanced Professional Groomer – CAPG

The Purpose of this qualification is for learners to understand Canine structure and anatomy, Style, shape and Symmetry, clipping and styling techniques, handling Toy breeds and senior dogs, working with double coated dogs.

The learner must demonstrate:

Safe Handling bathing drying and trimming of a toy breed and show understanding of dealing with a smaller frame and potentially senior dog. Safe handling, bathing, drying and trimming of a double coated breed.

The Knowledge and understanding covers animal welfare, Canine Structure Anatomy and balance, Creating shape style and symmetry, blades, scissors blenders and chunkers, Toy breeds, double coats, dematting.

There is one written examination and two practical Examinations

There is a resource manual which covers the practical and written requirements of this qualification.

Topics include:

Scissoring and techniques

The Toy Groom, The Double Coat Groom

Skeletal Structure

Anatomy

Creating Shape

Diagonal Lines

Balance and angulation

Dematting and Further CPD

1000 Guided learning hours

Practical exams:

Anything from the Toy Group with trimmable Coat

Any Other Breed with a trimmable coat under Ten Inches (25cms)

Toy Unbathed 90 minutes, and 86% or above to pass.

Toy Bathed and prepared 45 minutes, and 86% or above to pass

Double Coated Unbathed - (Depending on Size) 90 minutes minimum and 86% or above to pass

Written is 1 hour, 50 questions 86% or above to pass.

Track 3

International Certified Master Groomer

The Purpose of this qualification is for learners to understand breed standards to an advanced level.

The learner must demonstrate:

Safe Handling and Styling of a Non-Sporting (utility Group) breed, Sporting /Gundog breed, Terrier Breed, Mixed breed.

The Knowledge and understanding covers breed standards for Utility, Gundog, Terrier, Toy, Hound, Working and Pastoral groups along with understanding mixed breeds angulation and symmetry.

There are seven written papers one for each kennel club group and one on mixed breeds.

The suggested reading is the English Kennel Breed Standard

Topics include:

Utility Breeds

Gundog Breeds

Terrier Breeds

Toy Breeds

Hound breeds

Working breeds

Pastoral Breeds

Mixed Breeds

Practical exams are 2 hours and 86% or above to pass.

Written papers – Utility, Gundog, Terrier & Mixed Breed - 1 hour each paper, 100 questions - 86% to pass.

Written papers – Toy, Hound, Working & Pastoral – 1 Hour each paper, 100 questions – 86% to pass, **92% to pass using open book, for these four written papers only.**