



Australian National Kennel Council Ltd ABN 77 151 544 679 trading as Dogs Australia

# **CANINE GROOMING CERTIFICATION STRUCTURE, EXEMPTIONS AND ASSOCIATED BENEFITS**

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The Dogs Australia (DA) Certification is divided into three levels, each comprising 12 modules, with 4 in each level. The levels are as follows:

1. Level C – Novice level
2. Level B - Intermediate Level
3. Level A - Advanced Level

The title of Master is similar to the Supreme CH title in the dog world

**Title Awarded:**

A+ Groomer	Achieved a qualification in Level A
Silver Master	Achieved a qualification in Level A in 2 Groups
Gold Master Groomer	Achieved a qualification in Level A in 3 Groups
Platinum Master Groomer	Achieved a qualification in Level A in all 4 main Groups

<b>Pet Trim Certification:</b>	<b>Pass Mark</b>
Class C (Novice Level)	70%
Class B (Intermediate Level)	80%
Class A (Advanced Level)	90%

**Title awarded** (upon completion of Level A)  
A+ Pet Trim Groomer

### **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in Dogs Australia (DA) Certifications and their associated benefits.**

Several exemptions are available for candidates pursuing DA Certification. These exemptions, known as RPL in DA Certification, enable candidates to commence their credentialing and pay their DA exam fees at the appropriate level based on their knowledge and skills. This allows them to skip certain exams or classes based on their previous qualifications or professional experience. Some of the exemptions include:

- DA Certification exemptions based on academic qualifications
- DA Certification exemptions based on work experience
- DA Certification exemptions based on achievements
- DA Certification exemptions based on overseas qualifications

Candidates with qualifications and extensive grooming experience are eligible for exemptions in DA Knowledge Level subgroups 1, 2, and 4

<b>Fees and discount to exemption fees</b>	
<b>Examination fee</b>	\$ 25.00
(Payable to Show organiser)	
<b>Fees payable by candidates who have passed the examination</b>	
Level C - Novice level	\$ 100
Level B - Intermediate Level	\$ 150
Level A - Advanced Level	\$ 300
DA Educator / Judges	\$ 300
Participants who gain certification from DA must maintain their membership with DA or Member Body	
<b>RPL Fee</b>	\$50
<b>Multiple Section discounts</b>	
1 - 2 modules	Nil
3 - 4 modules	10%

### **Sanctioned Royal Shows**

#### **Exemptions Level A Contestants**

Participants who have achieved a qualification in A+ are eligible to apply for Level A certification in their respective groups. Certification Fees must be paid by 31 December 2024.

Participants who have placed in the Top 8 (minimum of 6 contestants) in the group are eligible to apply for Level B & C Certification in their respective groups.

#### **Level B Contestants**

Participants who have won 1st place (minimum 3 contestants) or Best in Level are eligible to apply for Level B and C Certification in their respective groups. Participants who have placed 2nd and 3rd with a minimum of 5 contestants are eligible to apply for Level C Certification in their respective groups

#### **Level C Contestants**

Participants who have won 1st place (minimum 3 contestants) or Best in Level are eligible to apply for Level C Certification in their respective groups. Participants who have placed 2nd and 3rd with a minimum of 5 contestants are eligible to apply for Level C Certification in their respective groups