



Doggrooming.ie

Introductory Certificate

- Centre Based Practical Assessments in conjunction with 3 dogs showing, clipping, scissoring & handstripping techniques
- Five Home Study Assignments
- Evolve - two on-line one hour exams



Diploma Certificate

- Centre Based Diploma Handstrip Module
- 3 External Exams
- Short Legged Terrier (eg - westie, scottie, cairn)
- Spaniel {eg- cocker, springer}
- Long Legged terrier/Min. Schnauzer OR toy/min Poodle



[Dog Grooming Qualifications](#)

There are many different qualifications available for dog grooming, but the only ones industry recognised are:

- City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants
- Level 3 Certificate in Introductory Dog Grooming
- Level 3 Diploma for Professional Dog Stylists
- Pet Industry Federation Higher Diploma

There are no regulations that require you to have a dog grooming qualification to start your own grooming business. However, as dog grooming is a hands on job, hands on practical training is highly recommended; an online course is **not** sufficient.

It is not a requirement to achieve the level 2 qualification.

Summit's training centres generally offer the Level 3 Certificate & Diploma but the Level 2 Dog Groomers Assistant is available on request.

[Level 3 Certificate in Introductory Dog Grooming](#)

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is designed for candidates who

- wish for career progression onto or within the sector
- do not have access to a work based diploma
- wish to develop the skills learned from other qualifications
- require evidence towards the underpinning knowledge of the work based diploma
- are looking for progression towards higher education

The qualification is suitable for school leavers or for adults looking for a change in career. It is designed to contribute towards the knowledge and understanding for the work based diplomas in Animal care while containing additional skills and knowledge which go beyond the scope of the National Occupational Standards. It provides a valuable alternative for those candidates who do not have access to the work based diplomas

What does the qualification cover?

The certificate covers the knowledge and skills required for dog grooming.

Structure

To achieve the **Level 3 Certificate in Introductory Dog Grooming**, learners must achieve **18** credits from the mandatory units and a minimum of **2** credits from an Optional Group plus certification module 902.

Assessment

City & Guild has written the following assessments to use with this qualification:

- Online multiple choice tests, E-VOLVE
- Assignments for mandatory units
- Practical exams for styling units



You will be required to study at home as well as on site. The written assignments can be completed off site and it will be recommended that the Evolve is completed at a later date, after the completion of the course, as intense study and revision is required. However if you and your tutor feel you are ready to complete the exams these can be taken on the last day of your course. Your training centre will supply all relevant information required and also advise on books and other revision material.

[Training Centre - On Site Assessments:](#)

- Health checking
- Moving a dog within the salon
- 3 different styles demonstrating:
 - a clipped coat
 - a scissored coat
 - a hand strip coat

[In Your Own Time - Written Assignments](#)

Equipment usage and maintenance

Health Leaflet

Disposal of waste

Record card

Moving dogs within the salon

[Q&A in house test \(under semi exam conditions\)](#)

Styling/Clipping lines

Kennel Club trimming requirements

Legislations/Record keeping

Disposal of waste

[Evolve online multiple choice exam \(under full exam conditions\)](#)

Health & Safety

Health & Well Being, Welfare

Tool & Equipment

Cleaning and Sterilization

Breed Knowledge

Head Styles & Trimming Techniques



City & Guilds Professional Diploma

Have you successfully completed the Level 3 Introductory qualification?

Do you have at least 3 months practical experience?

If the answer to these questions is 'yes' then you are ready to progress further and gain the Professional Diploma which includes 3 set units as follows:

- Unit 19 - Spaniel
- Unit 20 - Short Legged Terrier
- **Either** Unit 21 - Poodle **or** Unit 22 -Long Legged terrier/Schnauzer.

If not already completed during the Level 3 Introductory qualification you will also need to achieve the Hand Strip unit. (Unit 018)

The Diploma can now be booked at any Summit Satellite Centre. Exams will be held on set dates throughout the year. See Summit Facebook page or website.

The Diploma exam is externally assessed by a City & Guilds Examiner.

You are required to supply your own dogs which are suitable to demonstrate the correct techniques and styles.

You can do 1,2 or all 3 on the day, but these **MUST** be pre booked.

The cost per unit/dog is £110 (this does not cover certification fees)

If you registered onto the Level 3 qualification less than 3 years prior you do not have to pay any registration costs, if your C&G registration has lapsed then you will be required to register with C&G again.