



Grooming Institute of Canada
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ENROLMENT FOR LICENSED DOG GROOMER'S ASSISTANT (8801)

The Grooming Institute of Canada license is a skills testing program developed in conjunction with the National Agency of Pet Grooming Schools and the animal care industry.

The aim of the Grooming Institute of Canada is to offer Assistant Groomers and those training in this field the opportunity to gain a designation indicating they have achieved an internationally recognized standard of skills and knowledge in the canine and feline world.

Entry to the examination is open to anyone who is employed, or training to be employed in professional establishments, and whose candidature for the examination has been approved by the Grooming Institute of Canada.

Those intending to enter the examination should follow a course of self-instruction whilst gaining practical experience in their work or training.

The Licensed Dog Groomer's Assistant will be awarded only to those candidates who reach the required standard in both the practical and written components of the examination.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST HAVE TAKEN, OR BE REGISTERED TO TAKE, THE PRACTICAL EXAM BEFORE REGISTERING TO TAKE THE WRITTEN EXAM.

THE PRACTICAL TEST

Enrollment

Candidates must apply in writing to the Grooming Institute of Canada, using form 8801/E, enclosing a cheque made payable to the same for the Practical Test Fees. The deadline for application for the Practical Exam and payment of fees is **6 weeks before the exam date**.

Dates and Venues

Examinations are carried out at Test Centers approved by the Institute. Where possible candidates will be offered a choice of venues and dates. Where a candidate nominates more than one Test Center for the practical component, it is on the understanding that each alternative is acceptable. Once an applicant has been accepted and assigned a date and venue for the exam, this cannot be changed or canceled except in the event of unforeseen circumstances, ie fire, flood, power failure. Only then will an alternative date be arranged and fees refunded or credited in such circumstances. Dates are available on the third Sunday of each month, except for July, August and December when there are no test dates available.



Written confirmation will be sent for attendance at least 4 weeks before the exam using form 8801/R. All test dates are provisional until 3 full candidates have confirmed attendance and paid all fees in full.

The Practical Test

Candidates are responsible for obtaining two suitable dogs for the Tests and transporting them to and from the Test Center. The examinations comprise:

1. **Miniature Poodle or Bichon** (Toy Poodles are not accepted).
The complete preparation.
Time allowed: 1 hour, 30 minutes
No preparation in bathing the Poodle or Bichon is to be carried out before the start of the test.
2. **Natural Coated Dog**
Mixed breeds are acceptable for this portion of the practical.
Time allowed: 1 hour, 30 minutes
No preparation in bathing or brushing of the dog is to have been carried out prior to the test.

Membership Requirements

Each individual testing out is reminded that he or she must be a member of the Canadian Kennel Club or local dog grooming association such as the Ontario Dog Groomers Association.

Timetable

9:00am Test Center opens
9:15am Latest time for arrival
9:30am Practical tests commence
4:00pm Practical tests finish

The examiners will decide in which order the candidates will prepare the dogs and at what time each part of the test will start.

Practical Test Equipment

The Test Center will provide:

- Bathing area
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Towels
- Power dryers/Power points
- Facilities for waiting dogs
- Grooming tables
- Water bowls
- Cameras and film



The Candidate will provide:

- Hand/power tools
- Scissors
- Combs
- Brushes

The Examiners will be appointed by the **Grooming Institute of Canada**.

TEST CENTER LOCATIONS

Toronto, London, Niagara, Hamilton, Ottawa

Other venues can be arranged provided all test center conditions are met and a minimum of 3 candidates attend.

The Results

Candidates will not be informed of the results on the day of the test, and results will not be given by the Institute over the phone. The Institute will notify the candidates of the results in writing within 14 days of the test.

Failure Report and Retake Information

In the event of a failed result, candidates may apply to the Institute for a retake. Fail reports should be read in conjunction with the Syllabus and retakes will be accepted and a date allocated as set out below, allowing a period of time for the candidate to undergo further practice/instruction.

Re-takes	Waiting period
1	3 months
2	2 months
3	1 months

Refund Policy and Change of Venue

Only in the event of candidate sickness can one cancellation be accepted and written notice of cancellation is required, with a doctors certificate, before transfer to another date is offered, or an administration charge of \$25 will be made.

NSF Policy: A \$25.00 administration charge will apply to any cheque not honored.



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THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

W8802 The written paper consists of questions requiring short answers on the following range of subjects:

Handling and Control

General Care of Dogs

Health and Safety at Work

Use and Care of Equipment

First Aid

Skin Diseases

Enrollment

Dates for the examination will be available on the third Sunday of each month except for July, August and December. Candidates are responsible for making their own enrollment arrangements. Candidates usually sit the exam as an external student at a National Agency of Pet Grooming Schools test site. Candidates should show proof of registration for the practical exam, ie the invoice confirming registration or by exam results. The N.A.P.G.S. will register the candidate and collect the written exam fee. The N.A.P.G.S. will notify you of your Candidate Enrollment Number which you should send to the Grooming Institute of Canada who will register your practical results for the issuing of appropriate certificate to be made.

EXAMINATION FEES

Practical Test (8801)

This fee is payable to the Grooming Institute of Canada on enrollment.

\$100.00 + GST 7%

Written Examination (8802)

This fee is payable direct to the National Agency of Pet Grooming at the time of enrollment.

\$50.00 + GST 7%

A FULL SYLLABUS WILL BE SENT TO ALL CANDIDATES ON ENROLLMENT FOR THE PRACTICAL TEST

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