

National Cat Groomers Institute of America, Inc.



Certification

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As a certification association for cat groomers, the National Cat Groomers Institute of America, Inc. set the standards for cat grooming within the pet grooming industry. In order to show one's aptitude for performing the handling and grooming skills necessary in meeting those standards, the NCGIA, Inc. offers two different certification titles.

CFMG™ CERTIFICATION

Earning the Certified Feline Master Groomer™ (CFMG™) title requires passing a total of nine exams with a grade of 85% or higher.

The nine exams consist of four Written Exams and five practical exams.

Written Exams:

1. Feline Health & Anatomy
2. Temperament & Handling Skills
3. Breeds, Colors, & Coat Types
4. Business Management

Practical Exams:

1. Long Hair Full Coat Groom
2. Short Hair Full Coat Groom
3. Comb Cut
4. Lion Cut - Standard
5. Lion Cut - Variation

NCGIA Membership is required for certification.

CFCG™ CERTIFICATION

The NCGIA also offers the Certified Feline Creative Groomer™ (CFCG™) title to those wishing to learn the art of creative cat grooming which applies both color and creative design. In order to obtain CFCG™ certification, a groomer must first earn their CFMG™ certification and then pass one Creative Grooming Practical Exam with an 85% grade or higher.

ADMINISTRATION OF EXAMS

All Written Exams can be administered via proctor (i.e. a teacher or grooming school instructor) or by an NCGIA Certifier/Instructor. All Practical Exams MUST be administered by an NCGIA Certifier/Instructor.

Exams are sometimes administered at grooming trade shows and NCGIA workshops. Exams are always administered at the National Cat Groomers School during a normal two-week course session.

COST OF EXAMS

Cost for each exam is \$65.00.

Cost for exam retakes is \$45.00.

Cost for all nine CFMG™ exams is \$585.00.

Cost for all nine CFMG™ exams plus one CFCG™ exam is \$650.00

For students attending the National Cat Groomers School, this is an additional cost above the normal tuition cost and must be noted on the Student Enrollment Agreement at the time of registration.

PREPARATION FOR EXAMS

In preparation for the four Written Exams, a student must purchase and study the four corresponding Study Packets. These are included in the National Cat Groomers School curriculum package.

In preparation for the five (and optional 6th Creative exam) Practical Exams, students have the option to study and practice on their own. There are no requirements for purchasing study materials or attending any training. There are, however, standards that must be met in order to pass the Practical Exams. It is up to each student to determine what training would best equip them to meet and exceed those standards.

To assist students in meeting and exceeding the practical grooming standards, the NCGIA offers instructional DVDs as well as lectures and demonstrations at various grooming industry trade shows. The NCGIA also offers the National Cat Groomers School that provides a two-week long course designed to teach the skills and knowledge necessary for safe, efficient, quality cat grooming.

The NCGIA also offers additional training materials that may be helpful for teaching the skills needed for passing both Written and Practical Exams. Many of these materials are included in the school curriculum package.