

AHC50116 DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURE

Release 2; 14/9/2016. This is a nationally recognized qualification and training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding for eligible individuals.

Overview

AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture qualification reflects the role of individuals working on farms and stations who manage enterprise production and employees. Learners may fall into two categories:

Group 1 are employed in the agriculture sector in a supervisory / management role where they supervise enterprise production systems and /or are responsible for the supervision of employees. They would:

- Demonstrate an understanding of a broad knowledge base incorporating some theoretical concepts
- Plan approaches to technical requirements where required
- Transfer and apply theoretical concepts
- Evaluate information for forecasting or planning in conjunction with management
- Take responsibility for the achievement of outcomes

Group 2 have completed the Certificate IV in Agriculture (or an equivalent qualification) and/or are actively working in the Agriculture sector or seeking re-employment /promotion in the agriculture sector.

Delivery

Estimated Duration, Expected Structure & Locations

The course will be delivered over 18 to 24 months, depending on the experience of the individual learner and mode of delivery. The training is offered at various locations across Victoria.

For those studying the Diploma program contextualised for the Poultry sector, the qualification is delivered over 18 months to 2 years via 3 intensive workshops, each 3 days in length. Delivery also includes optional online tutorials, additional workplace visits, and workplace projects conducted over several months. Training is typically conducted from May to November each year. Students can commence at any point throughout the year.

Entry Requirements

No pre-requisite units are required to complete this qualification. 4 Up Skilling Pty Ltd has applied the following pre-requisites regarding this qualification:

- It is essential that participants complete the 4 Up Skilling Pty Ltd Pre-Course Review successfully (see form USLLN).
- Participants must be employed as a manager or supervisor (or equivalent role) in the specified sector.
- Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

Pathways and Recognition

The successful completion of Certificate IV in Agriculture and /or a minimum of 3 years' employment in the agriculture sector would be an advantage. AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture applicants can apply for RPL and mutual recognition (see Recognition of Prior Learning).

Students who have completed this qualification may continue their studies in an Advanced Diploma of Agriculture. Higher level training is also available at a Degree level.

Costs

Indicative costs, including Tuition Fees for the Diploma of Agriculture qualification, are available on the 4 Up Skilling website. Costs will vary depending on the electives chosen. Please contact 4 Up Skilling to discuss eligibility requirements. Access to government funding may affect your future eligibility entitlements. Concession rates apply at 20% of the funded Student Tuition Fee rate for eligible students with relevant concession cards including:

- Commonwealth Health care card
- Pensioner Concession card
- Veterans Gold card

Fee Schedule:

Fees are charged per calendar year. Full payment of annual fees is required on enrolment or prior to commencement of training. Payment can be made by: cash, cheque or direct debit.

4 Up Skilling does not accept prepaid fees in excess of \$1500. Where annual fees exceed \$1500: \$1500 will be charge at the time of enrolment, with the remaining amount for that calendar year invoiced when due.

Part Payment Plans may be arranged after consultation with the Coordinator.

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Further Information

Please visit the 4 Up Skilling website at www.4upskilling.com.au for further information, including the Student Handbook, and information pertaining to fees, charges and refunds, available support services, complaints & appeals, online services standards, partnership arrangements, referral processes and course information.

4 Up Skilling is responsible for the training and assessment of this qualification to its learners and its compliance to the ASQA Standards for RTOs 2015 and the issuance of AQF Certification and Statement of Attainments.

Packaging rules:

The Diploma of Agriculture is made up of 10 elective units of competency which must be packaged as follows:

- Min 5 units from group A
- Min 3 units from groups A or B
- Max 2 units from group C (units aligned to Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma in AHC10 or from any other currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course. Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in agriculture and must be chosen to ensure the integrity of the qualification outcome at AQF level 5).

Units of Competency (sample program only)

Poultry Program - Elective Units: (select 10 Units of Competency) *

AHCWHS501	Manage work health and safety processes	A
AKCLSK501	Manage livestock production	A
AHCLSK504	Develop livestock health and welfare strategies	A

AHCLSK505	Develop production plans for livestock	A
AHCBUS501	Manage staff	A
AHCBUS507	Monitor and review business performance	A
AHCWRK501	Plan, Implement and review a quality assurance program	B
AHCWRK502	Collect and manage data	B
TLIR4002	Source goods/services and evaluate contractors	B
AHCCOM401	Develop a composting recipe	C
AHCCOM402	Plan and schedule compost production	C
AHCBUS404	Operate within a budget framework	C

* Units can be changed to meet the learner's needs and their employment context, within the limits of the packaging rules specific to the qualification.

For more information on these units of competency, please see the unit descriptors available at www.training.gov.au.