

AHC30116 CERTIFICATE III IN AGRICULTURE

This is a nationally recognised qualification and training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding for eligible individuals.

This Qualification is from the Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation Land Management (AHC) Training Package

Overview

AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture provides students with the skills and knowledge required to enter the agricultural industry and work under supervision in a farm environment.

Students undertaking the Certificate III qualification develop a diverse range of practical skills which may enhance their employment prospects and, importantly, allow them to contribute positively to the agriculture sector. This program is designed for school students who are interested in working in livestock production, cropping or mixed farming.

Entry Requirements

There are no accredited entry requirements to complete this qualification. However, 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-Training Review (see form USPTR), which includes our online language, literacy, and numeracy (LLN Robot) assessment.
- *Where the PTR process demonstrates barriers to course suitability or appropriateness, alternative courses may be recommended, or support and/or possible adjustments to assessment will be negotiated with the student and employer.*
- *Reasonable Adjustment measures will be identified after completion of Pre-Training Review and LLN Robot. Adjustments are implemented as required. Where adjustment falls outside of 4 Up Skilling's capability, the contact details of alternative services will be made available to the student (see the Student Services List, Form USSSL).*

School Based Traineeship

- Participants must be employed by a relevant agricultural enterprise in a part-time capacity and be registered as a Part-time/School Based Trainee or Head Start Trainee.

Delivery

The course will be delivered over 18 months to 2 years.

- This program is ideal for secondary students moving into Year 11 and 12.

The qualification, is delivered as a School Based Traineeship will be delivered utilising:

- A Trainee Training Plan, negotiated by the trainer, the trainee/student, and the employer.
- Planned workplace visits and assessments conducted by the trainer.
- Observation and on the job training by the employer (or nominated workplace supervisor).
- Regular communication via email, phone, post (at least monthly), between the trainee/student and the trainer and the employer.
- Possible online webinars delivering underpinning knowledge in the case of COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information about Traineeship requirements go to;

<https://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/apprenticeships/Pages/Apprenticeshipsandtraineeships.aspx>

Expected Structure and Locations

Structured classes are conducted in and around the Elmore district. *Most classes are conducted at the Elmore Recreation Reserve Facilities – Raywood Rd, Elmore.*

- Students attend fortnightly classes during each school term.
- Each alternating fortnight, students attend their workplace during school term.

The training program also utilises school holidays to hold full days of intensive learning over the duration of the course. This also allows students to develop the required depth of skills and knowledge over the duration of training.

The ‘practical’ work component is organised between the student/employee and their employer but, at consistent intervals to ensure learning in the class is being reinforced.

Equipment and Resources required

- Participants **must** have access to a relevant workplace environment where they can apply skills and knowledge associated with the sector.
- Participants **must** be a minimum of 15 years of age to complete an Australian School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.
- Other resources include; pen, paper, email address, phone or other device for recording video, audio and/or still photography.

Assessment Requirements

In this qualification, the focus is on 'learning by doing' and the participants will be required to complete learning activities and specific assessment tasks throughout the duration of the program, in addition to training & assessment on the job/or in a simulated work environment.

The learners will need to set aside time in the workplace, and at home, to complete assessment tasks as required.

Examples of assessments include:

- Written Short Answer Questions
- Projects and
- Practical demonstration of skills

Pathways and Recognition

Students who complete this qualification may continue their studies in Certificate IV in Agriculture. Higher level training is also available, up to Diploma and Advanced Diploma level.

AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture applicants can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and mutual recognition however, this is unlikely to be granted to this cohort. (See National Recognition Policy).

Credit Transfers may be included if/when a student has completed other relevant studies or units of competency.

Costs

Indicative costs, including Tuition Fees for the Certificate III in Agriculture qualification, are available on the 4 Up Skilling website. *Costs will vary depending on electives chosen (and the individual's eligibility for 'Skills First funding').*

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.

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4 Up Skilling does not accept prepaid fees in excess of \$1500. Where annual fees exceed \$1500: up to \$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.

Indicative fees for this program are around \$1,200.00; this includes tuition and materials.

Contact

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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 other 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.

AHC30116 Qualification Packaging rules:

Sixteen (16) units made up of:

- 2 core units and 14 elective units
- Elective units:
 - a minimum of five (5) units from elective Group A
 - a minimum of five (5) units from Groups A or B
 - a maximum of four (4) units may be selected from units aligned to Certificates II, III or IV from any currently endorsed training package or accredited course (Group C). Selected units must be relevant to the job outcomes in agriculture and must be chosen to ensure the integrity of the qualification outcome at AQF level 3.

Schedule of delivery

The timing of units will include an alternating 'topic' focus from year to year.

The core units, and machinery and fencing units, are conducted every year. *Students who are not 16 at the time of delivery of the machinery units may not participate; they will be scheduled to complete this training in their following year of training.*

The other units are grouped into two main categories, Livestock and Cropping.

Delivery of these units will alternate each year. *For example, 2021 cropping, 2022 livestock, 2023 cropping etc.*

Units of Competency

Core Units: *all students must complete these units.*

AHCWHS301	Contribute to work health and safety processes
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices

Elective Units: *(additional elective units may be included in this program)*

AHCINF302	Plan and construct an electric fence	A
AHCINF303	Plan and construct conventional fencing	A
AHCMOM202	Operate Tractors	B
AHCMOM207	Conduct front end loader operations	B
AHCMOM217	Operate quad bikes	B

Livestock units

AHCLSK301	Administer medication to livestock	A
AHCLSK309	Implement Animal Health Control Programs	A
AHCLSK308	Identify and draft Livestock	A
AHCLSK311	Implement feeding plans for livestock	A
AHCLSK331	Comply with industry animal welfare requirements	A

Cropping units

AHCPMG301	Control weeds	A
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program	B
AHCBAC311	Conserve forage	A
AHCBAC313	Establish pastures and crops for livestock production	A
AHCCHM307*	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds, and diseases	A
AHCCHM304*	Transport and store chemicals	A

* The chemical units, AHCCHM307 & AHCCHM304, attract a \$65 material fee for a Chemical Resource Book (AgVet).

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

NB: To participate in online sessions, 4 Up Skilling requires learners to have access to a device with:

- an internet connection (1Mbps or better)
- Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers
- Windows 7 - Windows 10 or Mac OS X 10.9- 10.14; or Android OS 5-9 or iOS 10-12
- JavaScript enabled
- microphone and speakers (USB headset recommended)

Zoom, Dropbox, Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, &/or Forms can be accessed using:

- a computer with the relevant desktop app, or
- an android device or iPhone (4S or later) or iPad (2 or later) with relevant mobile app.