

AHC50122 DIPLOMA OF 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

This qualification reflects the role of personnel working on farms and stations who manage enterprise production units and employees and sole operators of agribusinesses who provide crop production advice and services to production enterprises.

Industry expects individuals with this qualification will take personal responsibility and exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work. They must analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of advanced skilled activities.

Studying this qualification with 4 Up Skilling focuses on those in the Poultry industry. Students are typically those in supervisory and/or managerial roles within this industry.

Delivery

Estimated Duration, Expected Structure & Locations

The training is offered Nationally via real time and/or recorded webinar sessions.

This qualification may only be completed as a Full time or Part time (non-trainee) Student.

The course will be delivered over 12 to 18 months, depending on the experience of the individual learner.

The learner cohort complete the majority of the theoretical training through self-paced learning i.e. they will have homework. Structured classes are also conducted via the digital Zoom or Teams platform.

The 'practical' training component is organised between the student and the 4 Up Skilling assessor with the support of their 4 Up Skilling coordinator and will be completed at consistent intervals to ensure theory learning is being reinforced. Additional support for training and assessment is also provided via regular contact with a 4 Up Skilling trainer.

The qualification is delivered utilising:

- A Training Plan, negotiated by the trainer and student.
- Planned workplace visits and assessments conducted by an assessor.
- Structured online webinars or recordings delivering underpinning knowledge.
- Practical skills training is gained through full time or part time work in industry and supported by 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, in the case of traineeships, the employer.

Entry Requirements

There are no accredited entry requirements to complete this qualification. However, 4 Up Skilling has applied the following pre-requisites regarding this qualification:

- The successful completion of Certificate IV in Agriculture and /or a minimum of 3 years' employment in the agriculture sector would be an advantage.
- Participants should be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- It is essential that participants complete the 4 Up Skilling Pty Ltd Pre-Training Review successfully (see form USPTR). This includes the online language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) 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 Reviews and 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).*

Equipment and Resources Required

- Participants **must** have access to a relevant workplace or simulated work environment where they can apply skills and knowledge associated with the poultry sector.

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)
- and an active email account.

Zoom, Teams, 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.

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

AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture applicants can apply for RPL and mutual recognition (see Recognition of Prior Learning).

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

Students who have completed this qualification may continue their studies in an AHC60319 Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management. Higher level training is also available at a Bachelor Degree level.

Costs

Indicative costs, including Tuition Fees for the Certificate IV in Agriculture qualification, are available on the 4 Up Skilling website. Costs will vary depending on the electives chosen (*and the individual's eligibility for State or Federal 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, credit card or direct debit.

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

AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture is made up of 10 units of competency which must be packaged as follows:

- 2 core units plus
- 8 elective units.
 - 2 units from group A
 - 4 units not already selected from groups A or B
 - The remaining 2 units must be selected from units listed in groups A or B, or from units aligned to Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma in AHC16 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. (Imported.)
- (Students can choose from the following list to make up the packaging rules)

Topic	Units of competency
Livestock production, health and welfare management	AHCLSK501 Manage livestock production. Group A
	AHCLSK510 Develop production plans for livestock. Group A
	AHCLSK504 Develop livestock health and welfare strategies. Group A
Quality and Data management	AHCWRK521 Plan, implement and review a quality assurance program. Group B
	AHCWRK506 Collect and manage data. Group B
WHS management	AHCWHS503 Manage work health and safety processes. Core
Contractor management	TLIR4002 Source goods/services and evaluate contractors. Group B
Team leadership and communication	BSBLDR411 Demonstrate leadership in the workplace. Imported
	BSBXTW401 Lead and facilitate a team. Imported
Staff management	AHCBUS511 Manage enterprise staff requirements. Group A
	BSBHRM525 Manage recruitment and onboarding. Group B
Environmental sustainability	AHCWRK520 Develop workplace policies and procedures for environment sustainability. Core

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.

** Material fees include 8 Codes of practice at \$135. Disc training also incurs an additional \$125 material fee (AHCBUS511); other material fees may apply, such as a \$10 resource fee for each unit.*

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