

## **AHCSS00074 Agricultural Chemical Skill Set**

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

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

### **Overview**

AHCSS00074 Agricultural Chemical Skill Set enables students to gain the skills and knowledge required to safely transport, handle, store, prepare and apply chemicals.

AHCSS00074 Agricultural Chemical Skill Set is made up the two units of competency;

- AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
- AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals

and provides students with skills and knowledge required to meet state/territory licensing requirements for the application of agricultural chemicals.

### **Entry Requirements**

There are no accredited entry requirements to complete this skill set. 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 successfully (see form USPTR). This includes completion of an 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).*

### **Delivery**

#### ***Estimated Duration***

The skill set may be delivered over 1 to 3 months, depending on the mode of delivery.

#### ***Expected Structure & Locations***

The training is offered Nationally via;

- real time, online webinars
- face to face in a classroom (and simulated environment)
- face to face directly into relevant workplaces

When delivered to industry enterprise groups, delivery is tailored to meet the needs of the industry cohort.

The skill set is delivered utilising a Training Plan, negotiated by the trainer, the trainee/student and, where applicable, the employer.

### Equipment and Resources required

- Participants **must** be a minimum of 16 years of age.
- Participants **should** have access to a relevant workplace environment where they can apply skills and knowledge associated with the 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, 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.

Students are provided with;

- National AgVet Chemical Users Course training manual
- AgVet Chemical Users Course Assessment workbook
- Chemical labels and SDSs required for training and assessment

Other resources include; pen, paper, email address, phone or other device for recording video, audio and/or still photography.

### Assessment Requirements

In this skill set, 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 may 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
- Project
- Completion of relevant chemical application and storage documentation
- Practical demonstration of application, transport and storage skills

### **Pathways and Recognition**

These units of competency provide credit towards qualifications in Certificate II, Certificate III and Certificate IV in various sectors of the horticulture and agriculture industry including the following broad industries:

- Production Agriculture
- Production Horticulture
- Amenity Horticulture (Arboriculture, Parks and Gardens, Landscaping)
- Nursery Production and Retail
- Turf Management
- Animal Breeding and Racing
- Beekeeping
- Pest Management (Vertebrate, Weeds and Invertebrate)
- Conservation and Land Management (Lands, Parks and Wildlife, Natural Area Restoration)
- Irrigation
- Indigenous Land Management.

Applicants can apply for RPL and mutual recognition (see National Recognition Policy).

### **Costs**

Costs will vary depending on the individual's eligibility for State or Federal funding.

Tuition fees:

\$300.00 Fee for Service (non-eligible)

\$180.00 if eligible

\$36.00 if an eligible concession holder

A material fee of \$65.00 also applies, regardless of any eligibility status.

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:*

Full payment of fees is required on enrolment or prior to commencement of training. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or direct debit.

**Contact**

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**Further Information**

Please visit the 4 Up Skilling website at [www.4upskilling.com.au](http://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.

**AHCSS00074 Agricultural Chemical Skills Packaging rules:**

Two (2) units of competency

- AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals
- AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases

*For more information on these units of competency, or other units available please see the unit descriptors available at [www.training.gov.au](http://www.training.gov.au) or contact our office.*