



AHC31016 Certificate III in Parks & Gardens

This qualification is part of the Horticulture Training Package, Parks and Gardens stream, and provides training for employment as a parks and gardens tradesperson. Often these people are involved in planting of private and public gardens, parks and streetscapes. Maintaining health of parks and gardens, pruning and shaping plants, construction of garden beds and planted areas.

Job titles may include: **Gardener, Grounds person**

What is it going to do for me?

This qualification will expand your knowledge and skills and hence your employability in this field you will be able to:

- monitoring plant health
- establishing and maintaining planted areas
- providing information on plants, products and treatments
- installing and operating irrigation systems
- erecting horticultural structures
- controlling weeds, pests and disease

How long is it going to take?

As a student who is not studying under a Contract of Training as a trainee the learning is self-paced, so the length of time to complete the qualification is dependent on your current skills and capacity to commit time to your studies. The learning and assessment time of this qualification for a non-traineeship is 1200 hours over a 3 year period. As a Trainee (studied under a Contract of Training) this qualification must be completed within your traineeship period of 36 months (3 years).

The length of study may be lessened where you can evidence relevant current competency for skills and knowledge. This may go towards recognition of prior learning (RPL) resulting in credit for one or more units of competency. ARO can provide assistance with the RPL process. Please contact our office and/or indicate your desire for RPL on the enrolment form.

How is the qualification delivered?

Traineeship: If you are currently employed in Horticulture and your employer agrees to a traineeship relationship ARO will provide a combination of training modes. Trainers and Assessors will conduct training and verification of competencies achieved through on-job training (provided by your employer) at your workplace; you are provided a workbook to complete for each unit of competency and additional off-job training will be provided to help you achieve your qualification.

Non-Traineeship: If you are not currently employed in Horticulture, ARO delivers the qualification completely off-job or ARO may be able to assist you to gain a traineeship. Please note ARO does not guarantee placement in traineeships.

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What does the course contain?

- Completion of sixteen (16) units is required to gain this qualification (comprised of 10 core units and 6 elective units).

Elective Units

- a minimum of three (3) units must come from the elective unit list
- a maximum of three (3) units may be selected from units aligned to Certificates II, III or IV in AHC10 or from any other currently endorsed training package or accredited course. Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in the parks and gardens industry.

As a general guideline we have the following suggestion of units, if you wish to choose alternative elective units please speak to ARO upon enrolling.

CORE	
AHCARB302	Conduct tree inspections
AHCOHS301	Contribute to OHS processes
AHCPGD305	Conduct operational inspection of park facilities
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL301	Prepare growing media
AHCSOL302	Construct a soil profile
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program
AHCTRF302	Establish turf
AHCWRK313	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
ELECTIVES	
AHCCHM303	Prepare and apply chemicals
AHCCHM304	Transport, handle and store chemicals
AHCIRG302	Install irrigation systems
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCPGD301	Implement a plant establishment program
AHCTRF303	Implement a grassed area maintenance program

Fees: Please see our most recent [Fee Schedule](#) and [Funding](#) options on our website.

Policies and Enrolment process: Please see our student hand book, this can be found on our website or by contacting ARO office and we can send one out to you.