

AHC50416 Diploma of Horticulture

This qualification is for people who want to develop an understanding of the management of a horticultural enterprise or business requiring higher technical skills.

Undertaking this course will develop skills & knowledge in managing plant health, managing horticultural trials, collecting & managing data, preparing reports, monitoring & managing soils, managing plant cultural practices for amenity horticulture, developing strategies for the management of target pests & collecting & classifying plants.

Job titles may include: **Senior horticulturalist, Horticulture enterprise manager**

What is it going to do for me?

This qualification will expand your knowledge & skills & hence your employability in this field

Depending on the subject chosen, you will be able to:

- Manage horticultural business activities
- Develop planting programs
- Provide specialist advice on plants, products & treatments
- Prepare & monitoring budgets & financial reports
- Negotiate with clients & others
- Manage growing environments
- Implement sustainable horticultural practices

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 ten (10) Elective units is required to complete the qualification

Elective Units

- A minimum of four (4) units must come from elective group A
- A minimum of four (4) units must come from elective groups A or B
- A maximum of two (2) units may be selected from units aligned to Certificates IV or above in AHC10 or from any other currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course. Selected units must meet job outcomes relevant to horticulture.

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.

ELECTIVES Group A	
AHCPCM501	Diagnose plant health problems
AHCPHT503	Manage a controlled growing environment
AHCARB501	Assess trees
AHCLSC502	Manage landscape projects
AHCPGD502	Plan the restoration of parks & gardens
AHCPGD503	Manage parks & reserves
ELECTIVES Group B	
AHCBUS501	Manage staff
AHCBUS504	Prepare estimates, quotes & tenders
AHCPGD502	Plan the restoration of parks & gardens
AHCPGD505	Conduct comprehensive inspection of park facilities
AHCWRK503	Prepare reports

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.