

AHC20416 Certificate II in Horticulture

This qualification is part of the Horticulture Training Package. This qualification underpins a range of work functions & job roles that can lead to a horticultural trade qualification.

Job titles may include: **Horticulture worker, Horticulture assistant**

What is it going to do for me?

It provides students with the skills & knowledge needed to work under supervision as a skilled operator or assistant to a tradesperson in the horticulture industry. Students complete a range of general horticulture modules & may choose electives from a range of industry specific modules.

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

- maintain plants & planted areas
- apply chemicals & biological agents
- maintain irrigation & drainage systems
- recognise plants, products & treatments
- maintain properties & structures
- treat weeds, pests & diseases

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 1.5 year period.

As a Trainee (studied under a Contract of Training) this qualification must be completed within your traineeship period of 18 months (1.5 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.

What does the course contain?

- Fifteen (15) units required to complete full qualification (comprised of 5 core units and 10 elective units)

Elective Units

- A minimum of eight (8) units must come from the elective list
- 2 units may be selected from the elective list below or from this or any other endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course. Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in horticulture and must be chosen to ensure the integrity of the qualification outcome at AQF level 2

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	
AHCWHS201	Participate in work health and safety processes
AHCPCM201	Recognise plants
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds
AHCPMG202	Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL202	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
ELECTIVES	
AHCPGD201	Plant trees & shrubs
AHCPGD202	Prepare & maintain plant displays
AHCPGD203	Prune shrubs & small trees
AHCTRF204	Support turf establishment
AHCNSY202	Care for nursery plants
AHCLSC201	Assist with landscape construction work
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery & equipment
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision
AHCIRG217	Assist with pressurised irrigation operations
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws

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.