



AHC30616 Certificate III in Production Horticulture

This Horticulture qualification provides a vocational outcome in production horticulture. The qualification enables individuals to select a tree cropping, vegetable or berry production or mushroom production context as a job focus or, in the case of mixed enterprises, both.

Job titles may include: **Vegetable farm worker, Orchard farm worker, Mushroom farm worker**

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
- operate tractors, equipment & machinery
- harvest & treating plants
- apply chemicals & biological agents
- maintain irrigation & drainage systems
- 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 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 Production 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 Production 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 fifteen (15) units is required to complete this qualification (comprised of 1 core unit and 14 elective units)

Elective Units

- a minimum of four (4) units must come from elective group A
- a minimum of seven (7) units must come from elective groups A or B
- a maximum of three (3) units may be selected from units packaged in Certificates II, III IV in AHC10 or from any other currently endorsed training package or accredited course. Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in the production horticulture 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	
AHCWHS301	Contribute to work health and safety processes
ELECTIVES A (minimum 4)	
AHCBIO302	Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs
AHCCHM303	Prepare and apply chemicals
AHCCHM304	Transport, handle and store chemicals
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCPHT306	Establish horticultural crops
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
ELECTIVES B (minimum 7 from A or B)	
AHCHYD301	Prepare & apply chemicals
AHCHYD302	Transport store & handle chemicals
AHCIRG331	Implement a maintenance program for an irrigation system
AHCPHT309	Troubleshoot irrigation systems

Two units to be advised

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.