

# AHC40316 Certificate IV Production Horticulture

This qualification allows individuals to develop post-trade skills and knowledge to become specialists within the production horticulture industry. It is designed to meet the needs of supervisors or team leaders in the production horticulture industry.

The qualification enables individuals to select a tree cropping, vegetable, berry or flower production, grape growing or mushroom production context as a job focus, or a mixture in the case of mixed enterprises.

Job titles may include: **Farm Team Leader, Farm Supervisor**

## What is it going to do for me?

It provides students with the skills & knowledge needed to run a production horticulture enterprise. . 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
- Use chemicals safely, effectively & economically
- Irrigate efficiently
- Maintain soil health for production
- Comply with food safety plans and procedures

## 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.

### What does the course contain?

- Completion of twelve (12) units is required to gain this qualification (made up of 1 core unit and 11 elective units).

### Elective Units

- a minimum of three (3) units must come from elective group A
- a minimum of five (5) units must come from elective groups A or B
- a maximum of three (3) units may be selected from units packaged in Certificates III, IV or Diploma 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	
AHCWHS401	Maintain work health and safety processes
ELECTIVE	
AHCBUS404	Operate within a budget framework
AHCPCM402	Develop a soil health and plant nutrition program
AHCIRG408	Schedule irrigations
AHCORG403	Manage organic soil improvement
AHCSOL401	Sample soils and interpret results
AHCWRK401	Implement and monitor quality assurance procedures
AHCPMG410	Implement the pest management and monitoring plan
AHCCHM402	Plan and implement a chemical use program
AHCCHM401	Minimise risks in the use of chemicals
AHCIRG408	Schedule irrigations
AHCBUS404	Operate within a budget framework

**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.