

# AHC40516 Certificate IV in Parks & Gardens

This qualification allows individuals to develop post-trade skills & knowledge to become specialists in the Parks & Gardens Industry. This training Package & is suitable for people who are typically in a supervisory role & work in non-trade specific horticultural industries.

Job titles may include: **Head gardener, Horticulture team leader**

## What is it going to do for me?

It provides students with the skills & knowledge needed to supervise staff who work in the horticultural Turf Industry. Depending on the subject chosen, you will be able to:

- Supervise & train staff
- Supervise & plan horticultural activities
- Promote plant health
- Supervise machinery maintenance
- Recommend plants, products & treatments
- Manage irrigation, drainage & treatment systems
- Implement an integrated pest management system
- Operating a budget & costing projects

## 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 fourteen (14) units made up of seven (7) core units and seven (7) elective units.

### Elective Units

- a minimum of four (4) units must come from the elective units list
- a maximum of three (3) units may be selected 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	
AHCBUS402	Cost a project
AHCPCM401	Recommend plants and cultural practices
AHCPCM402	Develop a soil health and plant nutrition program
AHCPGD402	Plan a plant establishment program
AHCTRF401	Develop a sports turf maintenance program
AHCWHS401	Maintain work health and safety processes
PSPPM402B	Manage simple projects
ELECTIVES	
AHCNSY401	Plan a growing-on program
AHCNSY402	Plan a propagation program
AHCPGD401	Design plant displays
AHCPMG410	Implement the pest monitoring and evaluation plan
AHCSOL401	Sample soils and interpret results
AHCCHM402	Plan and implement a chemical use program*
AHCWRK403	Supervise work routines and staff performance

**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.