

# AHC50316 Diploma of Production Horticulture

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

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

Job titles may include: **Production horticulture farm 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
- Prepare & monitoring budgets & financial reports
- Negotiate and monitor contracts
- Manage growing environments
- Implement sustainable horticultural practices
- Develop an irrigation and drainage management plan

## 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 10 Elective units are required for this qualification

### 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 two (2) units may be selected 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.

ELECTIVES Group A	
AHCPHT502	Develop a horticultural production plan
AHCSOL501	Monitor and manage soils for production
AHCPCM501	Diagnose plant health problems
ELECTIVES Group B	
AHCBUS508	Prepare and monitor budgets and financial reports
TLIL5019	Implement and monitor transport logistics
AHCIRG502	Design irrigation system maintenance and monitoring programs
AHCMOM502	Implement a machinery management system
AHCORG501	Develop an organic management plan
AHCWAT501	Design water treatment systems
AHCWRK501	Plan, implement and review a quality assurance program

**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.