



# AHC60216 Advanced Diploma in Horticulture

This qualification is for people who are normally engaged as a Horticultural Business Manager or Owner.

This person may want to develop an understanding of the management of a horticultural enterprise or business requiring higher technical skills.

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

Job titles may include: **Senior horticulturalist, Horticulture enterprise manager**

## What is it going to do for me?

This qualification will expand your knowledge & skills, depending on the subject chosen, you will be able to:

- Managing physical resources
- Marketing products & services
- Managing business capital
- Establishing a horticultural enterprise
- Developing staff training plans
- Developing a business plan
- Promoting the business
- Managing human resources

## 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 4-year period. As a Trainee (studied under a Contract of Training) this qualification must be completed within your traineeship period of 48 months (4 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?

- 8 Electives are required to be completed to gain this Advanced Diploma

### Elective Units

- a minimum of six (6) units must come from the elective units list
- a maximum of two (2) units may be selected from the elective units or units aligned to Diploma or Advanced Diploma in AHC10 or from any other currently endorsed training package or accredited course. Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in horticulture management

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	
AHCAGB501	Develop climate risk management strategies
AHCAGB502	Plan and manage infrastructure requirements
AHCAGB604	Analyse business performance
AHCAGB605	Manage business capital
AHCBUS605	Manage human resources
AHCBUS606	Develop a monitoring, evaluation and reporting program
AHCBUS607	Implement a monitoring, evaluation and reporting program
AHCBUS608	Manage risk

**Fees:** Please see our most recent [Fee Schedule](#) 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.