

AHC20122

Certificate II in Agriculture

Begin your career in agriculture with practical, on-farm skills

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Is this course for you?

Certificate II in Agriculture is for you if:

- ✓ You're starting out in agriculture
- ✓ You're supporting farm operations under supervision
- ✓ You're seeking to apply practical skills in real agricultural workplaces

How can this course help you?

By completing the Certificate II in Agriculture you'll be able to:

- ✓ Work safely around livestock, machinery and farm infrastructure
- ✓ Assist with livestock handling, feeding and basic animal care
- ✓ Carry out fencing, water system and general farm maintenance tasks
- ✓ Operate basic machinery under supervision
- ✓ Follow workplace instructions, safety procedures and sustainability practices
- ✓ Communicate effectively with supervisors and team members

How is this RIST course different?

Over 12-months, we work hard to provide:

- ✓ Hands on, practical skills development with leading industry trainers
- ✓ Training which replicates real-world situations and experiences
- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Flexible delivery
- ✓ A friendly, supportive place to learn
- ✓ Clear learning and career pathways

Our focus is on developing you into a job-ready graduate who brings initiative and independent thought into the workplace.

All our programs reflect current industry needs and are adapted to meet future trends. RIST trainers and assessors are specialists in their field and industry current. They are well placed to provide high-quality, relevant, up-to-date training so you learn skills that are sought after by employers.

You'll also spend time outside of the classroom actively involved in hands-on practical activities, including workshops, field trips, field days, visiting host farms, and meeting business owners to round out your agricultural knowledge. This direct experience helps you build the skills and confidence needed to apply this knowledge in the real-world.





Course Modules

Workplace Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability and Employability
Learn and practise essential information about workplace health and safety practices, risk control, industry awareness, employment standards and understanding environmental sustainability as it relates to agriculture in the workplace and at RIST.

Machinery
Use simulators set to replicate real-world situations to learn and finetune techniques to safely operate basic machinery and undertake basic servicing and operator maintenance. The module is available to students aged 16-years or older.

Agronomy
Become familiar with the different types of plants on farm and the soil structures they need to thrive in. Explore soil testing and analysis processes. Learn how to safely identify and apply agricultural chemicals under supervision.

Fencing
Learn how to build and maintain fences, position and attach gates and make a range of fencing knots. Carry out basic electric and conventional farm fencing operations.

Livestock
Build a solid understanding of animal welfare requirements, safe handling techniques, mustering, identifying livestock, marking, providing feed and carry out birthing duties.

Water
Develop the knowledge and skills to install, operate and inspect pumps and flow control devices used in farm water systems. Carry out routine maintenance using the correct tools and equipment and learn what's required to complete key reporting requirements.





Course Units of Competency

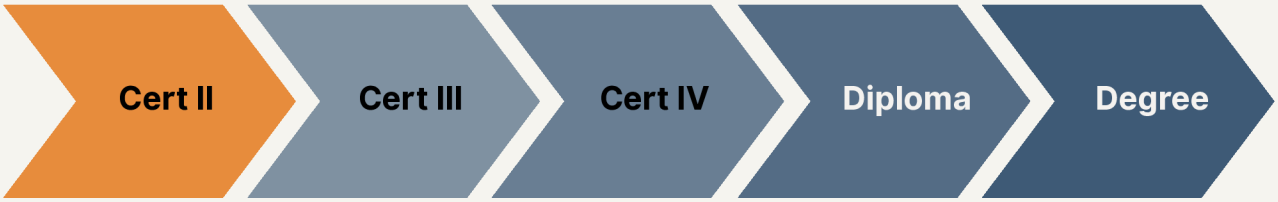
This Certificate II in Agriculture has 16 Units of Competency totalling 720 scheduled training hours. Assessment is focused on your ability to apply relevant knowledge and skills to perform workplace tasks to a specified standard.

Module	Unit of Competency	Group	Scheduled Hours
Core	AHCWHS202 Participate in workplace health & safety processes	Core	30
	AHCWRK211 Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	Core	30
	AHCWRK212 Work effectively in industry	Core	30
	AHCWRK213 Participate in workplace communications	Core	40
Machinery	AHCMOM202 Operate tractors	A	60
	AHCMOM207 Conduct front-end loader operations	A	60
Agronomy	AHCPCM204 Recognise plants	B	50
	AHCCHM201 Apply chemicals under supervision	A	50
Fencing	AHCINF205 Carry out basic electric fencing operations	A	40
	AHCINF307 Plan and construct conventional fencing	C	60
Livestock	AHCLSK222 Care for health and welfare of livestock	A	50
	AHCLSK224 Handle livestock using basic techniques	A	40
	AHCLSK225 Identify and mark livestock	A	40
	AHCLSK229 Provide feed for livestock	A	40
	AHCLSK219 Carry out birthing duties	A	40
Water	AHCIRG222 Assist with pump and flow control device operations	C	60
		Total Scheduled Hours	**720**

Course Pathways & Potential Job Outcomes

Entry Point: Secondary School

Entry Points: Applicable ATAR / Early School Leaver / Full & Part-time Workers / Adult Learners



- **Cert II**: Station Hand; Farmhand; Milk Machine Technician; Learner Shearer
- **Cert III**: Senior Station Hand; Senior Farmhand; Tradesperson; Service Technician; Shearer; AI Technician
- **Cert IV**: Head Stockperson; Installation Technician; Overseer; Wool Classer; Contractor; Supervisor
- **Diploma**: Manager; Master Technicial
- **Degree**: Business Owner; Agronomist; Veterinary Science Specialist Programs

Where are they now?

Oliver Credlin

"If you get an opportunity to do something, just have a go."



Oliver knew RIST was the right choice for him when he went "out of the classroom and around the RIST farm." The hands-on nature of learning provided him with practical opportunities with an outdoor focus.

"Coming from a broadacre cropping farm, with minimal livestock experience, I was able to gain basic skills in sheep and cattle to broaden my understanding of livestock enterprises. Despite the majority of my work placement hours being on the family farm, I was able to spend time with an agronomist and a grain research organisation. These experiences have shaped my understanding of the various jobs available in Agriculture."

Oliver completed his Certificate II in Agriculture during Year 10. "My RIST training inspired me to learn more about the business of farming and led me to choosing Maths, Science and Accounting as VCE subjects."

Scholarship opportunities available to eligible students

DemoDAIRY Foundation

The DemoDAIRY Foundation offers scholarships for assistance with tuition fees to a small number of students studying the RIST Certificate II in Agriculture who are actively involved in the dairy industry. Further information about this scholarship opportunity is available on the DemoDAIRY website: demodairy.com.au/scholarships/



Application process

STEP 1: Contact the friendly RIST team.
STEP 2: Register online.
STEP 3: Participate in a pre-training review.
STEP 4: Receive your enrolment confirmation.
STEP 5: Commence your training program.

Details

Course:	Certificate II in Agriculture (AHC20122)
Duration:	12-months
Location:	Hamilton (and Terang subject to demand)
Delivery:	Blended model
Cost:	This training is supported by Victorian Government Skills First funding. Course fees may vary depending on individual circumstances and eligibility criteria to access government support. Students may also be eligible for a Scholarship.
Participants:	Limited to small groups of up to 16 participants.
Entry requirements:	Regular access to an agricultural workplace. Completion of a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital (LLND) pre-training review. People of all abilities are encouraged to apply.

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