

AHC30122

Certificate III in Agriculture

Build skills to work independently on-farm

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Is this course for you?

Certificate III in Agriculture is for you if:

- ✓ You're already working in agriculture
- ✓ You're wanting to build skills and confidence to work independently across livestock, cropping and mixed farm operations

How can this course help you?

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

- ✓ Carry out day-to-day farming operations with minimal supervision
- ✓ Operate and maintain agricultural machinery and equipment
- ✓ Implement livestock feeding, health and welfare programs
- ✓ Apply biosecurity, animal welfare and workplace safety requirements
- ✓ Assist with pasture, crop and soil production activities
- ✓ Follow enterprise procedures and contribute to efficient farm operations

How is this RIST course different?

Over 18-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

Safety and Sustainability
Build an understanding of health and safety obligations and how to comply with relevant workplace legislation, codes and procedures in your workplace.

Livestock Care
Develop knowledge to be able to identify symptoms exhibited in livestock. Learn how to apply animal health control programs and administer treatments to livestock in a range of environments. Maintain water supplies and implement feeding plans for livestock.

Agronomy and Biosecurity
Gain skills in plant and soil nutrition to grow healthy pastures and crops for livestock production. Understand the importance of biosecurity and learn how to identify unusual pest and disease activity through a range of environmentally sustainable work practices.

Machinery and Equipment
Operate specialised agricultural machinery and equipment in a safe, efficient and controlled manner. Gain hands-on foundation in welding and practise these skills in day-to-day activities at the workplace.

Agricultural Chemicals
Complete industry standard training for preparing and applying chemicals to control pests, weeds and diseases. Training also covers transporting, storing and handling chemicals, emergency procedures, health and safety and more.

Agribusiness
Complete workplace-based projects that involve researching, scoping and budgeting to solve existing and/or unexpected problems and opportunities in your workplace. Learn how to interpret and use data to make informed decisions.





Course Units of Competency

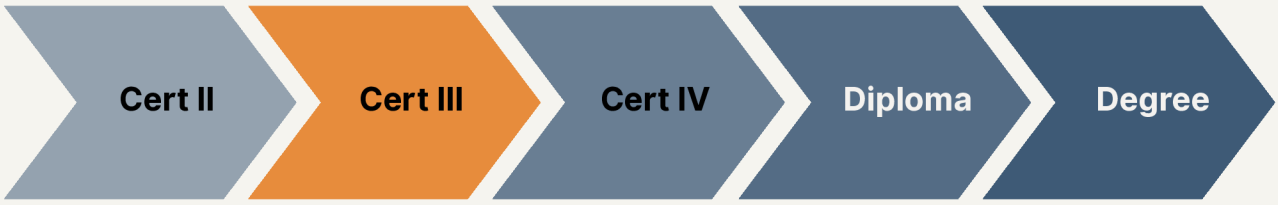
Certificate III in Agriculture has 16 Units of Competency of 1140 to 1200 scheduled training hours based on the chosen elective. Assessment is focused on your ability to apply relevant knowledge and skills to perform workplace tasks to a specified standard. 2 x Core Units; 5x Group A Units; 5x Group A or B Units; 4x Group A, B or C Units. (▲) Select up to two Elective Units of competency. (*) Must have access to own equipment in your workplace and be 16 years of age. ^Must have own, or ongoing access to a, working dog and livestock.

Module	Unit of Competency	Group	Scheduled Hours
Safety and Sustainability	AHCWHS302 Contribute to workplace health & safety processes	Core	50
	AHCWRK320 Apply environmentally sustainable work practices	Core	60
Livestock Care	AHCLSK344 Administer treatments to livestock	A	80
	AHCLSK351 Implement animal health control programs	A	60
	AHCLSK347 Maintain livestock water supplies	A	60
	AHCLSK353 Implement feeding plans for livestock	A	140
	AHCLSK363 Care for and train working dogs^▲	A	50
Agronomy and Biosecurity	AHCBAC313 Establish pastures and crops for livestock production	A	80
	AHCBIO303 Apply biosecurity measures	A	100
	AHCPCM305 Implement a plant nutrition program	B	80
Machinery and Equipment	AHCINF208 Fabricate and repair metal or plastic structures	C	70
	AHCMOM302 Perform machinery maintenance	A	70
	AHCMOM213 Operate and maintain chainsaws*▲	B	70
	AHCMOM216 Operate side by side utility vehicles*▲	B	60
	AHCMOM217 Operate quad bikes*▲	B	60
Agricultural chemicals	AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals	A	70
	AHCCHM307 Prepare & apply chemicals to control pest, weed & diseases	A	70
Agribusiness	AHCBUS407 Cost a project	C	80
		Total Scheduled Hours	**1140 - 1200**

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?

Jacob Sanderson

"Immerse yourself in the industry, push through the tough times, and surround yourself with knowledgeable people."



Jacob completed his Certificate II in Agriculture with RIST in 2024. "I wanted to continue my education at RIST studying the Certificate III in Agriculture to build on what I've learned."

At the same time, he also chose to study a Certificate II in Engineering at TAFE, alongside his regular schoolwork. "It's a busy schedule, but I'm determined to finish Year 12 with three certificates to my name. It's challenging, but it's worth it," he says.

Jacob's Mum, Alysia, added: "Jacob leaps out of bed to catch the even earlier bus on RIST mornings and happily gets up before dawn to work for his host employers.

"We really appreciate the interest all the staff at RIST have taken in Jacob and how they specialise in discovering what makes each kid tick to make their learning relevant to their interests. The courtesy bus pick up and drop off is also very much appreciated by our family."

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 III 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 III in Agriculture (AHC30122)
Duration:	18-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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