

**2023 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES COURSE DESCRIPTOR****AHC20116 Certificate II in Agriculture**

Public Schools NSW, Tamworth RTO 90162

This document may change due to Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time

Course: Primary Industries  
Board Developed Course (240 hour)

2 Preliminary and HSC units in total  
Category B for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

By enrolling in a VET qualification with Public Schools NSW, Tamworth RTO 90162 you are choosing to participate in a program of study that will provide you the best possible direction towards a nationally recognised qualification. To receive this AQF VET qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of AHC20116 Certificate II in Agriculture (Release 7) <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/AHC20116>

You will also be expected to complete all requirements relevant to the HSC and adhere to the requirements of NESA. This course is accredited for the HSC and provides students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational training. This is known as dual accreditation. To gain a full qualification, students must achieve all competencies. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

**Recommended Entry Requirements**

Students complete a VET Enrolment Form, supplying their USI and be assessed for learning support (eg LLN Robot) before the commencement of any training and assessment. Students must have completed All My Own Work before enrolling in this qualification and be work ready before work placement. Students selecting this course should be interested in working in an agricultural environment. They should be able to use a personal digital device including a personal computer or laptop.

**Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package (AHC - 7.1) Units of Competency**

<b>Core</b>		<b>Optional Clusters</b>	
AHCWHS201	Participate in work health and safety processes	AHCMOM202	Operate tractors
AHCWRK204	Work effectively in the industry	AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCWRK209	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices.	AHCLSK211	Provide feed for livestock
<b>Electives</b>		AHCLSK209	Monitor water supplies
AHCWRK205	Participate in workplace communications	AHCINF202	Install, maintain and repair farm fencing
AHCWRK201	Observe and report on weather	AHCINF201	Carry out basic electric fencing operations
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds	AHC BIO201	Inspect and clean machinery for plant, animal and soil
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision		
<b>Healthy Livestock</b>			
AHCLSK202	Care for health and welfare of livestock		
AHCLSK205	Handle livestock using basic techniques		
AHCLSK206	Identify and mark livestock		
AHCLSK204	Carry out regular livestock observations		

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and /or credit transfer before delivery, provided suitable evidence is submitted.

**Pathways to Industry - Skills gained in this course transfer to other occupations**

This qualification provides a general vocational outcome in agriculture. The qualification enables individuals to select a livestock production, plant or livestock context as a job focus.

**Examples of occupations in the agricultural industry:**

- farm or station hand/labourer
- nursery assistant
- assistant farm or station worker
- shearing hand
- livestock worker
- assistant animal attendant/stockperson

**Mandatory HSC Course Requirements**

Students must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Students who do not meet these requirements will be 'N' determined as required by NESA.

**External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)**

The Higher School Certificate examination for primary industries is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive a vocational qualification.

**Competency-Based Assessment**

Students in this course work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency listed above. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate to a qualified assessor the competency requirements for performance and knowledge of the units/s of competency.

**Appeals and Complaints**

Students may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) through the VET trainer.

**Course Cost: Preliminary - \$40      HSC - \$40**  
**School Specific equipment and associate requirements for students**  
**Sun protection gears, school uniform and safety shoes**

**Refunds**

Refund Arrangements on a pro-rata basis.  
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course, for more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

**Exclusions:** VET course exclusions can be checked on the NESA website at <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

