

Primary Production

AHC30116 **Certificate III in Agriculture**
AHC32816 **Certificate III in Rural Operations**

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WorkReady



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Course overview

The Regional Skills Training (RST) Primary Production Program offers training under the following qualifications:

- > AHC30116 **Certificate III in Agriculture**
- > AHC32816 **Certificate III in Rural Operations**

RST will work with you to determine the most suitable course to meet your needs. Students participating in these courses can expect to gain practical skills needed for careers in various sectors of the agricultural industry including broadacre cropping, livestock and mixed farming enterprises.



Gain practical skills needed for careers in the primary production industry.

Providing training solutions for rural and regional Australia

Topics

WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS) AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE WORK PRACTICES

Work health and safety (WHS) is vital to ensuring the safety of every student and all workers and, as such, is a compulsory unit in every qualification. All students are required to attend the RST WHS workshop as part of their course. Students are also required to complete the unit AHCWRK309 Apply environmentally sustainable work practices.

WELDING AND WORKSHOP TOOLS

Introduction to farm welding processes and the use of relevant power and hand tools.

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Basic machinery maintenance and care of machines and engines, including small motors.

CHAINSAW

- > Maintenance and servicing of your chainsaw
- > Chainsaw safety, cutting techniques and plenty of trimming and cutting practice
- > Obtain your chainsaw ticket on successful completion
- > Training and assessment is conducted by Logging Investigation and Training Association Inc (RTO Code 0577).

WORKING AT HEIGHTS AND IN CONFINED SPACES

All students attend a workshop to gain their tickets for working safely at heights and entering and working in confined spaces. These tickets are important for students working in and on silos, field bins and other structures above ground level.

MOBILE PLANT OPERATION

If you are interested in obtaining mobile plant competencies, you can do this as part of your course. You need to have access to the appropriate machine in your workplace and be able to practice operating the machine at work. Competencies can be gained in the operation of front end loaders, skid steers, backhoe loaders, excavators, rollers and telehandlers.

CHEMICAL ACCREDITATION

Gain full chemical accreditation to purchase and use S7 chemicals. (Note: you must be over the age of 18 years old to purchase chemicals)

CROP AGRONOMY/PEST, DISEASE AND WEED CONTROL

Identifying the requirements, deficiencies or problems in your feed paddock, fodder, or broadacre crop.

LIVESTOCK FEEDING PLANS

- > Stock health
- > Veterinary requirements
- > Feeding plans
- > Assessing stock
- > Condition scoring and fat scoring
- > Assessing pasture value
- > Feed requirements for pregnant livestock, to increase condition, maintain condition or decrease condition.

Funding and eligibility information

SCHOOL-BASED STUDENTS

If you are eligible for a School-Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBAT) or a student engaging in a Flexible Industry Pathway (FIP), then you are eligible for WorkReady subsidised training.

- > To commence a school-based apprenticeship/traineeship you must have an employer and a Contract of Training – RST can help explain this and refer you to an apprenticeship network provider who can help you, so please ask us.
- > To utilise FIP you must be:
 - > In year 11 or 12
 - > In your 16th year
 - > Enrolled in SACE
 - > Completing, or have completed VET or Work Placement related to your career pathways.

RST can talk to your school VET coordinator, so please ask us.

NON-SCHOOL-BASED STUDENTS

Subsidised training places are available subject to eligibility through the South Australian government WorkReady initiative. Payment plans are available if needed, for student fees.

If you are looking to do a traineeship under a Training Contract, RST can put you in touch with an apprenticeship network provider consultant who can advise on eligibility and arrange the paperwork for your Training Contract.

FOR ALL STUDENTS

For further information on WorkReady funding and to check your eligibility visit: www.skills.sa.gov.au.

Accessing WorkReady funding may affect your eligibility for future funding.

A concession rate is available if you are eligible. Refer to the course fee sheet for cost and concession details.

Delivery regions

Workshops are delivered across metropolitan and regional South Australia where sufficient demand is identified.

Frequently asked questions

WHEN CAN I START?

You can enrol and commence your training at any time.

HOW LONG DOES THE COURSE TAKE?

By attending all scheduled workshops and successfully completing all assessments, a course should take between 18 months and two years to complete.

A student undertaking the course through a Flexible Industry Pathway who leaves school prior to completing the course, may receive funding for up to a maximum of 12 months to complete any remaining units of competency. Visit www.skills.sa.gov.au for further information.

DO I NEED ACCESS TO ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE?

Students need to wear work boots and appropriate work wear for practical workshops and have access to a laptop or tablet and a smart phone.

WHEN ARE WORKSHOPS HELD?

Workshops are generally held during the school year and may include school holidays. Some workshops are held over consecutive days while others require you to attend a training day and then complete practical activities in the workplace. Workshops days run from 8:45am to 4:30 pm unless otherwise advised.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A WORKSHOP?

As RST delivers workshops all over the state, missed training days can be made up by attending the workshop in another region. It is suggested you make every attempt to attend all of your scheduled workshops.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE WORK PLACEMENT?

Students are required to complete relevant work placement.

Students completing under SBAT or Contract of training are already employed.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT TO ENROL?

As per government funding and training standards, RST is required to determine the support needs for students. As such, RST requires all students to complete an upfront assessment of needs process (UAN). For secondary school students this forms part of the VETRO process.

A suitability and support needs checklist will be completed as part of the enrolment process. Students will need to complete a snapshot of reading and numeracy indicator assessment (SRNI). Where language, literacy and numeracy barriers are identified, RST will work with the student's school to establish an appropriate support plan.



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“The course has helped me develop a different view on a lot of topics in the farming world and helped me gain the accreditation and licenses needed in my workplace”



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