Certificate III in Agriculture (Traineeship)

COURSE CODE	AHC30122
LOCATIONS	Hamilton, Colac, Glenormiston
STUDY MODE	Full-time, Traineeship
Length	Two years
Commencement	Start any time
Timetable	Glenormiston: Mondays Colac: Tuesdays Hamilton: Wednesdays

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

This qualification provides a general vocational outcome in agriculture. The qualification enables you to select a livestock production, cropping or livestock context as a job focus or, in the case of mixed farming enterprises, both cropping and livestock.

Industry expects individuals with this qualification to perform tasks involving a broad range of skilled applications applied in a wide variety of contexts, which may involve application of some discretion and judgement in selecting equipment, services or contingency measures.

What will I Learn?

Through a combination on on-the-job training and classes at Glenormiston Training Facility, you will learn a variety of agricultural skills including:

- machinery operation
- animal handling
- animal health
- construct conventional fencing
- first aid
- establish pastures and crops for livestock production
- artificial insemination and fertility management

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Australian agriculture is expanding to feed the growing world population and is a leader in innovation and use of technology. A wide range of career paths are available to graduates on and off farm from managing a farm to providing key services to the agricultural industry based on the sound knowledge you have gained undertaking this course.

Upon completion of this course, you will be equipped to gain employment as:

- Farm or station hand
- Farm or station worker
- Livestock transport driver

Pathways

This course may provide a pathway to further study in the agriculture field such as:

- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Diploma of Agriculture

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

- You must be at least 16 years old to apply for this course.
- You must also be employed as a trainee with a registered employer in the agriculture industry.
- Be able to undertake physical work involving lifting, standing for long periods, or cardio activity

Apprenticeship/Traineeship Entry Requirements

You need to be employed in this field as an apprentice or trainee before commencing this course.

If you are currently **not** employed in this field please contact the Skills and Jobs Centre for further advice.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 16 units: 2 core and 14 elective.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes	50	$0.00
AHCWRK320	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices	60	$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals	50	$0.00
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors	40	$24.30
AHCMOM207	Conduct front-end loader operations	60	$0.00
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases	70	$75.20
AHCMOM217	Operate quad bikes	60	$24.30
AHCMOM216	Operate side by side utility vehicles	50	$24.30
AHCLSK330	Implement procedures for calving	60	$0.00
AHCBAC311	Conserve forage	80	$0.00

AHCBAC313	Establish pastures and crops for livestock production	80	$0.00
AHCINF306	Plan and construct an electric fence	60	$0.00
AHCINF307	Plan and construct conventional fencing	60	$0.00
AHCWRK315	Respond to emergencies	50	$0.00
AHCLSK344	Administer treatments to livestock	80	$0.00
AHCLSK347	Maintain livestock water supplies	30	$0.00
AHCLSK351	Implement animal health control programs	50	$0.00
AHCLSK353	Implement feeding plans for livestock	140	$0.00
AHCLSK357	Rear newborn and young livestock	50	$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

Employer Incentives

The Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program provides a number of incentives to assist employers who take on an Australian Apprentice, particularly where the Australian Apprenticeship is in a trade experiencing a skills shortage.

Find out more about the incentives available and hiring an apprentice or trainee on the Australian Apprenticeships website.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
   Find out more about subsidised training

2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
   Find out more about concession rates

3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
   Find out more about Free TAFE
   Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs

4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	$4,560.00
Concession rate	$915.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	$19,840.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	$346.15

This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Free TAFE place will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

Find out more about Free TAFE courses and eligibility or contact our Customer Service team.

This course is part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program

A Free TAFE Pathways Program is a group of courses that complement each other to help you continue to train for the career and industry you may wish to work in.

For eligible students, these courses are tuition fee free. Depending on the course, you may still be required to pay material fees. The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

Find out more about the Free TAFE Pathways Program and eligibility or contact our Customer Service team.

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have three options when organising your payment:

1. Upfront payment - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. Payment plan - can be directly debited from your bank account or via a VET Student Loan (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. Paid by employer, school or job network agency - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of scholarships each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.

How to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship

There are five simple steps to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship with us.

1. **Find a job** - find a job as an apprentice or trainee through an Apprenticeship Centre or Group Training Company.
2. **Register** - register with an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) and nominate SWTAFE as your training provider (your employer will usually do this for you).
3. **Complete a pre-training review** - SWTAFE staff will contact you to organise your Pre-Training Review once your ASSN contract registration is complete.
4. **Enrol** - complete the enrolment form provided to you and provide your identification.
5. **Sign** - once you've completed your enrolment form and verified your identification you will receive your student declaration form to review and sign. You can sign this digitally via your smartphone, computer or tablet.

If need any assistance with applying, contact our Customer Service team on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the Skills and Jobs Centre is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, visit our student page.