Diploma of Applied Agronomy

COURSE CODE	AHC51920
LOCATIONS	Glenormiston, Virtual
STUDY MODE	Part-time, On Campus, Online, Workshops
Length	Two years
Commencement	Apply any time
Timetable	One two-hour virtual class a week, face-to-face workshops at Glenormiston and self-paced study.

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 course provides individuals with skills and knowledge required to work as an agronomist in the agriculture or horticulture industries. Students will enhance their knowledge of managing the land, sustainability and risk along with business practices and technology.

What will I Learn?

You will learn a range of agronomy skills involving crops, soil, plant health, pest and disease control and pasture.
You will also gain knowledge around budgeting, financial reporting, risk management and the use of agricultural technologies.

Mode of delivery

During this course you will participate in twelve, seven-hour face to face workshops and weekly four-hour evening classes via a virtual classroom. There is also an expectation that students will undertake additional study activities and complete assessments for a minimum of 8 hours per week using learning resources on SWTAFE Online.

There is an expectation that students will undertake additional study activities and complete assessments for a minimum of 8 hours per week using learning resources on SW TAFE Online.

*__Virtual classroom__ - a live online teaching and learning environment where teachers and students can present course materials, engage, interact, and work in groups together.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Diploma of Applied Agronomy can pursue various roles, including:
agronomist, farm manager or agricultural technician.

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

Find the next info session near you

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 18 years old to apply for this course.
- You are required to have industry experience on farms or as service provider. You must already be working in agriculture or have a passion for agronomy with at least two years experience or relevant qualifications.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 12 units: 7 core and 5 elective units.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCBUS408	Operate within a budget framework	50	$0.00
AHCBAC509	Plan and manage long-term weed, pest and disease control in crops	130	$0.00
AHCWRK513	Write and present reports	60	$0.00
AHCSOL508	Manage soils to enhance sustainability	100	$0.00
AHCAGB521	Select and use agricultural technology	100	$0.00
AHCBAC513	Apply plant biology to agronomic practices	90	$0.00
AHCBAC514	Design and manage a crop or pasture nutrition program	120	$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCBUS518	Prepare and monitor budgets and financial reports	140	$0.00
AHCBAC510	Manage integrated crop and pasture production	120	$0.00
AHCAGB518	Develop climate risk management strategies	120	$0.00
AHCSOL406	Sample soils and interpret results	60	$0.00
AHCPCM507	Diagnose plant health problems	120	$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.

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)	$7,815.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	$14,555.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee

Course consumable/materials (approximate)	$165.35

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.

Student services fee

An annual student services fee contributes to the provision of student engagement, learning and support services.

|*SERVICES_FEE_TABLE*|

This fee is non-refundable upon commencement of your course. Some students may be exempt from the student service fee. Your fee will be confirmed based on your circumstances when you enrol.

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

There are five simple steps to apply for a course with us.

1. **Apply** – Submit your online application form.
2. **LLN Assessment** – Complete an LLN assessment if required.
3. **Chat to our team** – Discuss your course and study plan with a teacher or specialist.
4. **Enrol** – Accept your offer and confirm your details.
5. **Pay** – Receive your invoice and arrange payment.

Need help? Contact us 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.