Modification History

Release	Comments	
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and	
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AHC3XX19	Certificate III in Protected Horticulture
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Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for job roles in the protected horticulture industry including; picker, packer, crop worker, and nursery assistant.

Individuals with this qualification perform tasks involving a broad range of skills that are applied in a wide variety of contexts, which will involve discretion and judgement in selecting and operating equipment, coordinating resources and apply contingency measures during work.

Work must comply with work health and safety and environmental regulations and legislation that apply to the workplace.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 16 units of competency:
 - 5 core units plus
 - 11 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. Any combination of electives that meets the packaging rules can be selected for the award of the *Certificate III in Protected Horticulture*.

Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation area as follows:

- At least 3 electives must be selected from Group A electives must be selected for the award of the Certificate III in Protected Horticulture (Picking)
- At least 3 electives must be selected from Group B for the award of the Certificate III in Protected Horticulture (Packing).
- At least 3 electives must be selected from Group C for the award of the Certificate III in Protected Horticulture (Crop work)
- At least 3 electives must be selected from Group D for the award of the Certificate III in Protected Horticulture (Nursery)
- Plus a minimum of 5 units from the remaining units listed in groups A, B, C, D or E, and up to 3 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Where a specialisation area is not sought, a minimum of 8 units must be selected from groups A, B, C, D or E and up to 3 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Core Units

AHCBIO305	Apply biosecurity measures		
AHCWHS301	Contribute to work health and safety processes		
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices		
FBPOPR1010	Carry out manual handling tasks		
FBPSY3001	Monitor the implementation of quality and food safety		
	programs		

Elective Units

Group A (picking)

AHCBIO201	Inspect and clean machinery for plant, animal and soil material	
AHCBIO302	Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs	
AHCPHT203	Support horticultural crop harvesting	
AHCPHT310	Coordinate horticultural crop harvesting	

Group B (packing)

AHCWRK207	Collect and record production data			
FBPBPG2002	Operate the carton erection process			
FBPBPG2004	Operate the palletising process			
FBPBPG2008	Perform basic packaging tests and inspections			
FBPBPG3002	Operate the labelling process			
FBPOPR2068	Operate a process control interface			
FBPOPR3004	Set up a production or packaging line for operation			
FBPOPR3006	Operate interrelated processes in a packaging system			
FBPTEC4002	Apply principles of food packaging			
SIRRINV002	Control stock			
TLIA2014	Use product knowledge to complete work operations			
TLIA3016	Use inventory systems to organise stock control			
TLIA3018	Organise despatch operations			

TLIA3019	Organise receival operations	
TLIA3038	Control and order stock	1

Group C (crop work)

AHCBIO302	Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs			
AHCHYD301	Implement a maintenance program for hydroponic systems			
AHCHYD302	Install hydroponic systems			
AHCNSY307	Operate fertigation equipment			
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program			
AHCPHT301	Carry out a crop regulation program			
AHCPHT305	Regulate crops			
AHCPHT306	Establish horticultural crops			
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders			
AHCXXX2XX	Maintain crop			
AHCXXX2XX	Perform manual pollination of crops			
AHCXXX3XX	Install and maintain hanging trellis			
AHCXXX4XX	Establish and monitor hydroponic crops			

Group D (nursery)

AHCBIO302	Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs		
AHCNSY203	Undertake propagation activities		
AHCNSY301	Maintain nursery plants		
AHCNSY307	Operate fertigation equipment		
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program		
AHCPHT204	Undertake field budding and grafting		
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders		
AHCXXX2XX	Perform plant blocking on		
FDFWGG2001A	Bench graft vines		

Group E (electives)

ACHCHM304	Transport and store chemicals	
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and	
	diseases	
AHCHYD301	Implement a maintenance program for hydroponic systems	
AHCHYD302	Install hydroponic systems	
AHCIRG303	Measure irrigation delivery system performance	
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors	
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment	
AHCPCM302	Provide information on plants and their culture	
AHCPMG202	Treat plant, pests, diseases and disorders	
AHCPMG301	Control weeds	
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders	
AHCSOL301	Prepare growing media	
AHCWAT301	Monitor and operate water treatment processes	
AHCWRK303	Respond to emergencies	
AHCWRK305	Coordinate work site activities	
FBPOPR2063	Clean equipment in place	
FBPOPR2064	Clean and sanitise equipment	
FBPOPR3005	Operate interrelated processes in a production system	
FBPPPL3003	Participate in improvement processes	
FBPPPL3005	Participate in an audit process	
FBPPPL3006	Report on workplace performance	
HLTAID003	Provide first aid	
TLID2010	Operate a forklift	
TLIK2010	Use infotechnology devices in the workplace	
TLILIC0003	Licence to operate a forklift truck	



Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC3XX19 Certificate III in Protected Horticulture	Not applicable	New qualification	No equivalent qualification

Links

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