

Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 8.0.

AHC305XX	Certificate III in Poultry Production
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Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required to work safely and effectively in a range of skilled roles in the commercial poultry industry, including poultry farm hand, poultry breeder, egg grader, and poultry contractor.

Individuals in these roles perform poultry and/or egg production tasks under broad direction which involve discretion and judgement in handling, moving, housing, feeding and routine health care. They take responsibility for their own work, carry out assigned tasks, coordinate processes and tasks, work to schedules, operate equipment, solve problems and comply with regulatory requirements. Work environments may include farms and breeding facilities for a variety of poultry species.

The qualification allows for specialisation in:

- Poultry farm hand
- Poultry breeder
- Egg grader
- Poultry contractor.

Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping of and working with poultry, including the handling of fertilised eggs. Food safety regulations and codes also apply that are sold for human consumption. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.

No 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:
 - 7 core units plus
 - 9 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. Electives can be chosen to provide a general qualification or a qualification with a specialisation.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production* choose:

- at least 9 units from the electives in Groups A to E
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production (Poultry farm hand)* choose:

- at least 4 units from the electives in Group A, including AHCPPLY302X Brood Poultry
- up to 5 units from the electives listed in Groups A to E (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production (Poultry breeder)* choose:

- at least 4 units from the electives in Group B, including AHCPPLY201X Collect store and handle eggs from breeder flocks
- up to 5 units from the electives listed in Groups A to E (not already selected)

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- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production (Egg grader)* choose:

- at least 2 units from the electives in Group C, including AHCPY205X Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
- up to 7 units from the electives listed in Groups A to E (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production (Poultry contractor)* choose:

- at least 4 units from the electives in Group C, including:
 - AHCPMG412 Develop a pest management plan
 - AHCPMG409 Implement a pest management plan
- up to 5 units from the electives listed in Groups A to E (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Where two specialisations are completed, award of the qualification would read (for example), *Certificate III in Poultry Production (Poultry farm hand, Poultry breeder)*.

At least 6 of the 9 electives selected must be coded at indicative AQF level 3 or above or reflect AQF level 3 outcomes or above.

Core Units

AHCLSK331	Comply with industry animal welfare requirements
AHCPY2X2	Maintain health and welfare of poultry
AHCPY2X3	Set up shed for placement of point of lays or day-old chickens (Unit now includes point of lay as well as day-old chickens. Should this be redesigned to reflect AQF level 3 outcomes?)
AHCPY2X6	Catch and load poultry
AHCPY3X3	Clean and disinfect poultry production sheds
AHCPY3X4	Implement and monitor biosecurity measures in poultry production
AHCWHS3X1	Contribute to work health and safety processes

Elective Units

Group A - Poultry farm hand

AHCLSK310	Implement feeding plans for intensive production
AHCLSK313	Monitor livestock production growing environments
AHCPY3X1	Brood poultry
AHCLSK307X	Euthanase livestock
AHCPMG308	Implement pest management strategies

Group B - Poultry breeder

AHCPY2X1	Collect store and handle eggs from breeder flocks
AHCPY2X5	Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
AHCPY302X	Brood poultry
AHCPY3X2	Incubate eggs
AHCAIS304	Artificially inseminate livestock (Replacement for AHCPY301 Artificially inseminate poultry, that has been deleted)
AHCPMG308	Implement pest management strategies

Group C - Egg grader

AHCPY2X4	Collect and pack eggs for human consumption
AHCPY2X5	Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
FBPEGG2005	Operate egg grading and packing floor equipment
FBPFSY2002	Apply food safety procedures
FBPFSY3002	Participate in a HACCP team

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Group D - Poultry contractor

AHCPMG412	Develop a pest management plan
AHCPMG409	Implement a pest management plan
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCCHM308	Use application equipment to apply fumigant in confined spaces
BSBWHS431	Develop processes and procedures for controlling hazardous chemicals in the workplace
BSBWHS411	Implement and monitor WHS policies, procedures and programs

Group E General

AHCAGB302	Keep production records for a primary production business
AHC BIO301	Identify and report signs of unusual disease or pest
AHCLSK301	Administer medication to livestock
AHCLSK309	Implement animal health control programs
AHCLSK323	Maintain and monitor feed stocks
AHCLSK328	Remove and facilitate reuse of effluent and manure from an intensive production system
AHCMOM301	Coordinate machinery and equipment maintenance and repair
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCWRK3X6	Comply with industry quality assurance requirements
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
BSBCMM211	Apply communication skills (suggested replacement for AHCWRK205 Participate in workplace communications)
FBPFSY3002	Participate in a HACCP team
TAEDEL301	Provide work skill instruction (suggested replacement for AHCWRK310 Provide on-job training support)

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Qualification Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC305XX Certificate III in Poultry Production	AHC30516 Certificate III in Poultry Production	Changes to packaging rules, core and elective units Specialisations added	Not equivalent

Links
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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>