

AHC32822 Certificate III in Rural Operations

DESCRIPTION

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for general job roles in agriculture, conservation land management, and other related rural industries.

Depending on the units selected individuals can be employed not only in the agriculture industry but also in other rural and regional sectors, and community organisations.

Job roles and titles vary across different industry sectors and may include:

- Machinery operator
- Vegetable/orchard worker
- Station hand
- Animal care worker
- Pastoral worker
- Animal attendant/stock person
- Rural services.

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

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

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into AHC32822 Certificate III in Rural Operations, candidates are required to:

- be physically fit, active, and able to function effectively in a tropical environment, as this is a physically demanding course.
- have a work contract with an approved employer to undertake a traineeship.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Workplace / Station	1-2 years / Mustering Seasons	Workplace assessment

* Duration will vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

FEES

Fee Type	2025 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$11,004.00 - \$16,506.00

*This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain or upskill.

Fee-free places are available for eligible domestic students who are NT residents; limited places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#).

ASSESSMENT

Assessments vary with each unit. You will be provided with an assessment guide.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge, and experience you have gained through your previous study, work, or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, refer to [VET RPL](#).

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts relevant to each unit but are required to provide some of their own protective clothing for working outdoors, i.e. hat, sunglasses, appropriate footwear, long trousers, and long sleeve shirt.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include, but are not limited to:

- AHC40122 - Certificate IV in Agriculture
- AHC40422 - Certificate IV in Horticulture (Not currently available at CDU)

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include multifunctional job roles that suit regional Australia.

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC32822 - Certificate III in Rural Operations, a total of sixteen (16) units of competency must be completed comprising three (3) core and thirteen (13) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

AHCBIO303	Apply biosecurity measures
AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
AHCWRK320	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices

ELECTIVE UNITS

To achieve the full qualification, students must select 13 units from the following elective units. Unnamed electives are limited to 7 of the 13 chosen.

Horse Group	
AHCLSK218*	Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCLSK337*	Train, care for and ride horses for stock work (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU202*	Handle horses safely (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU205	Apply knowledge of horse behaviour (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU206*	Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU212	Handle horses safely (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU214	Prepare to work safely around horses (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU217*	Load and unload horses (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
ACMEQU218*	Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
Cattle Group	
AHCLSK301	Administer medication to livestock
AHCLSK305	Maintain livestock water supplies
AHCLSK308	Identify and draft livestock
AHCLSK309	Implement animal health control programs
AHCLSK311	Implement feeding plans for livestock
AHCLSK320	Coordinate and monitor livestock transport (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCLSK325	Castrate livestock
AHCLSK331	Comply with industry animal welfare requirements
AHCWRK317	Coordinate work site activities
AHCWRK318	Comply with industry quality assurance requirements
AHCWRK323	Operate in isolated and remote situations
PUATEA001	Work in a team
Other Units	
AHCLSK211	Provide feed for livestock
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCLSK307	Euthanase livestock
AHCLSK316	Prepare livestock for competition
AHCLSK317	Plan to exhibit livestock (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCLSK319	Slaughter livestock (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCLSK404	Implement and monitor animal welfare programs (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCINF206	Install, maintain and repair farm fencing (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCMOM201	Operate two wheel motorbikes (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCMOM205	Operate vehicles (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCMOM216	Operate side by side utility vehicles (<i>unnamed elective</i>)

Units marked with * have Prerequisite unit requirements as listed in the table below:

Unit of Competency	Prerequisite unit requirements
ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter	ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely* ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
AHCLSK218 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work	ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely* ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter*
AHCLSK337 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work	AHCLSK218 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work* ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely* ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter
ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
ACMEQU217 Load and unload horses	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely
ACMEQU218 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

CONTACT DETAILS

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