

# RII30820 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations

## DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of individuals working as skilled operators in civil construction, who apply a broad range of skills in varied work contexts, using some discretion and judgement and relevant theoretical knowledge. The individual may provide theoretical advice and support a team.

Licensing, legislative and certification requirements that apply to this qualification can vary between states, territories, and industry sectors. Users must check requirements with the relevant body before applying the qualification.

## ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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 RII30820 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations as an Apprentice, candidates require:

- To be an Apprentice who has entered a Training Contract with their employer and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network NT.
- Understanding of basic computer skills, to navigate online learning materials and assessments.

## DELIVERY DETAILS

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| Location(s)   | Remote  |
| Duration*     | 2 -3 years part time  |
| Study mode ^^ | Face to Face on the Job   |
| Dates ^       | A specific commencement date will be determined in consultation with the delivery team. |
| Attendance ^  | Attendance is by arrangement with the delivery team.                                    |

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

^ Course timetable/study plan will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

## FEES

| Fee Type                 | 2026 Course Fees          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| NT Government Supported* | \$2,310.00 - \$3,734.50   |
| Full Fee                 | \$10,278.00 - \$16,616.10 |

\*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported 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. For 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, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#).

## ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

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

## CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

## RESOURCES

Students are issued with workbooks and handouts for the duration of the course.

## STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to RII40720 Certificate IV in Civil Construction.

Occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Plant Operator
- Construction worker
- Skilled Operator
- Foreman
- Supervisor

## QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve RII30820 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations a total of twenty (20) units of competency must be completed comprising fifteen (15) core and five (5) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

## CORE UNITS

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| RIIBEF201E | Plan and organise work   |
| RIICCM201E | Carry out measurements and calculations  |
| RIICCM202E | Identify, locate and protect underground services                                      |
| RIICCM203E | Read and interpret plans and job specifications  |
| RIICCM205F | Carry out manual excavation  |
| RIICCM206E | Support plant operations   |
| RIICCM207E | Spread and compact materials manually  |
| RIICCM208E | Carry out basic levelling  |
| RIICOM201E | Communicate in the workplace   |
| RIIRIS301E | Apply risk management processes  |
| RIISAM201E | Handle resources and infrastructure materials and safely dispose of nontoxic materials |
| RIISAM203E | Use hand and power tools   |
| RIISAM204E | Operate small plant and equipment  |
| RIIWHS201E | Work safely and follow WHS policies and procedures                                     |
| RIIWMG203E | Drain and dewater civil construction sites   |

## ELECTIVE UNITS

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|---|--|
| <b>Elective Group A (select a minimum of one)</b> |  |
| RIIMPO318F  | Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations                                |
| RIIMPO319E  | Conduct backhoe/loader operations  |
| RIIMPO320F  | Conduct civil construction excavator operations  |
| <b>Elective Group B (select a minimum of two)</b> |  |
| RIIMPO315E  | Conduct tractor operations   |
| RIIMPO317F  | Conduct roller operations  |
| RIIMPO326E  | Conduct water vehicle operations   |
| RIIVEH304E  | Conduct tip truck operations   |
| <b>Elective Group C (select a maximum of two)</b> |  |
| RIICCM209E  | Carry out concrete work  |
| RIICRC201E  | Repair potholes  |
| RIICRC208E  | Lay pipes  |
| RIIWHS202E  | Enter and work in confined spaces  |
| RIIWHS204E  | Work safely at heights   |
| TLILIC0005  | Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more) |

## 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 provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support 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 - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.