

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

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

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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

Elective Group A (select a minimum of one)	
RIIMPO318F	Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations
RIIMPO319E	Conduct backhoe/loader operations
RIIMPO320F	Conduct civil construction excavator operations
Elective Group B (select a minimum of two)	
RIIMPO315E	Conduct tractor operations
RIIMPO317F	Conduct roller operations
RIIMPO326E	Conduct water vehicle operations
RIIVEH304E	Conduct tip truck operations
Elective Group C (select a maximum of two)	
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>.