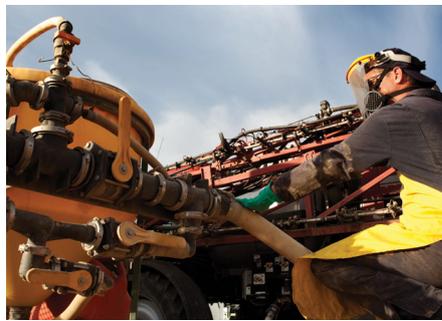


# Agriculture

AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture



## Program overview

The Regional Skills Training (RST) AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture is designed for people seeking to become better farmers and gain knowledge about technological advances in both cropping and livestock.

This training is suitable if you are interested in becoming, or already working in:

- > Farm production management
- > Farm administration management
- > Station/property management.

When undertaking this training, you will be required to:

- > Take personal responsibility and exercise independence in undertaking complex work
- > Analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of advanced skill activities (theoretical and practical based).

You will gain knowledge in areas of agronomy, soil science, business, work health and safety, livestock production planning inclusive of breeding strategies, pest and disease management, and machinery management. The training delivered by RST will enable you to gain confidence in applying new information and concepts to your farming decisions and practices.

Course materials are based around developing your own farming business documents so they are applicable and of ongoing value. Topics covered will be region specific and opportunities for out-of-class learning will be possible, such as attending the Field Days and visiting National Variety Trial sites.

## Topics

### AGRONOMY

- > How do I develop and implement a cropping plan so that I am efficient, farming economically and achieving best practice yields based on my region, soil type and season?
- > How do I know which pests, diseases or weeds need which spray? When should chemicals be applied and how often?
- > Do I have enough knowledge to challenge the plan given by my agronomist?

### WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS)

Work health and safety is an integral part of any business. It is also now a legal requirement to have a safe system of work. Set up a suitable WHS system for your business.

### OPERATIONAL

- > Harvest and seeding are always hectic – create operational plans to ensure you are efficient and get the best possible outcome for the year
- > Make sure your machinery is well maintained and operating efficiently
- > Ensure your workers are operating safely and are maintaining a high level of skills development.

### SOIL

- > Identify underperforming areas/paddocks via soil characterisation
- > Learn how to alleviate the underlying soil issues
- > What am I trying to achieve? Is amelioration cost effective?

### FARMING BUSINESS

Learn how to look at the farm as a complete business. Understand how to make the best “mix” for each season based on the many factors such as:

- > Rotations
- > Chemical resistance
- > Avoiding frost events
- > Managing soils and plant nutrition
- > What is my long term plan? How do I make good long term progress rather than just seasonal decisions?

### LIVESTOCK

Learn how to effectively manage your livestock to achieve enterprise aims.

- > Understand how to breed livestock to achieve target market specifications
- > Ensure you are meeting animal health and welfare requirements
- > Create a livestock feeding plan in conjunction with a supplementary feeding plan.



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*“Learning from presenters as well as other farmers and exploring issues together with my husband has helped us to keep our business growing.”*

*– Lochiel, SA*

## Funding and eligibility information

Subsidised training places are available subject to eligibility through the South Australian government WorkReady initiative. For further information and to check your eligibility visit: [www.skills.sa.gov.au](http://www.skills.sa.gov.au).

Accessing WorkReady funding may affect your eligibility for future funding.

Payment plans are available if needed.

A concession rate is available if you are eligible. Refer to the course fee sheet for cost and concession details.

If you are looking to do a traineeship under a Training Contract, RST can put you in touch with an apprenticeship network provider consultant who can advise on eligibility and arrange the paperwork for your Training Contract.

## Delivery regions

For groups of 15 people or more, RST will travel to your local region and conduct face to face workshops. These workshops will be delivered in a practical and farm based manner. Where necessary, specialised presenters will be sourced to provide greater industry insight.

The AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture will consist of around 14 workshop days over 12 to 18 months. RST understands the time constraints our students face, so workshops will not be conducted during busy seasonal periods.

Training can also be completed via open learning.

## Frequently asked questions

### WHEN CAN I START?

You can enrol and commence your training at any time.

### WHAT IF I MISS A WORKSHOP?

We understand that sometimes it may not be possible for you to attend a workshop due to work, family or other commitments. There are many options available for catching up on missed content, such as our online portal, webinars and one on one phone sessions.

### DO I NEED ACCESS TO ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE?

Students need to wear work boots and appropriate work wear for practical workshops and have access to a laptop or tablet and a smart phone.

### HOW LONG WILL MY TRAINING TAKE?

On average to gain your qualification the time frame is usually 18 months to 3 years depending on your needs and work commitments.

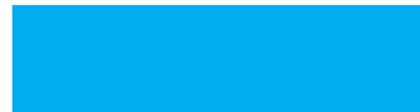
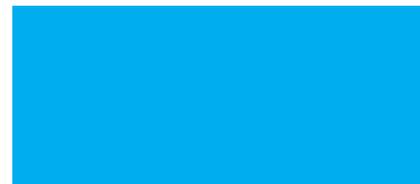
### DO I HAVE EXAMS?

You are not required to take exams, however you will need to complete assessments for each topic. Don't let that deter you – all assessments are designed so that they are relevant to your work or property.

### DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT TO ENROL?

As per government funding and training standards, RST is required to determine the support needs for students. As such, RST requires all students to complete an upfront assessment of needs process (UAN).

A suitability and support needs checklist will be completed as part of the enrolment process. Students will need to complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. Where language, literacy and numeracy barriers are identified, student support will be provided.





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