

## Farm Apprenticeships/Traineeships and School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships Certificate II in Agriculture (AHC20116)



### ABOUT THE COURSE

The apprenticeship/traineeship program provides practical training in farming operations along with the underpinning theoretical knowledge necessary for individuals involved in broadacre cropping and livestock related industries. Participants undertake formalised training at Longerenong College while working in the industry or continuing at secondary school.

The Certificate II in Agriculture is part of a packaged three year program moving to Certificate III in the second year and Certificate IV in year 3.

The School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBNAT) program allows students to undertake a farm apprenticeship/traineeship while still completing years 10, 11 or 12 at school.

Both school based full time apprentices/trainees will undertake three training blocks (4 to 5 days each) with other farm apprentices/trainees at Longerenong College.

*This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth funding. Individuals with a range of abilities and backgrounds are encouraged to apply.*

### WHAT ARE THE CAREER OUTCOMES?

In almost all cases, the successful completion of the Certificate II in Agriculture leads to a transition to the Certificate III and then the Certificate IV program. Final career outcomes include:

- Agricultural contracting business owners
- Farm machinery sales
- Farm managers
- Rural merchandise sales

### HOW DO I GAIN A QUALIFICATION?

The course has been designed to meet the qualification requirements of the Certificate II in Agriculture as part of the Rural Production Training Package (AHC). Students must successfully complete a set number of competencies as prescribed by the Australian Qualifications Framework to be awarded the Certificate II in Agriculture allowing progression to the next certificate level.

## WHAT DO I STUDY?

### 1st Year Apprenticeship/Traineeship (Certificate II in Agriculture)

The first year of an apprenticeship/traineeship and SBNAT involves basic skills training. Students will be enrolled in a Certificate II in Agriculture.

Units are delivered under topic areas such as:

- Crop production
- Animal production
- Vehicle operation (tractors)
- Vehicle operation (quad bikes)
- First aid
- Communication

## HOW IS THE COURSE DELIVERED?

A farm apprenticeship/traineeship combines full time paid work on the farm with 'off the job' training at Longerenong College. A school based apprentice/trainee undertakes the same program while still attending school. The 'off the job' training component comprises three, week long training blocks conducted at Longerenong College throughout the year. The blocks involve 4 to 5 days of intense theoretical and practical training which is then reinforced in the workplace. Some assessment is also undertaken in the workplace.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships are open to students aged 15 years or older who are permanent residents of Australia. To be able to undertake a SBNAT at Longerenong you must:

- Be enrolled at a school
- Be undertaking VCE/VCAL studies
- Undertake paid employment on a farm for a minimum of 15 hours per week.

The full time Farm Apprenticeship is open to any person aged 15 years or older who is employed full time on a farm or related business.

Special consideration may be given to participants who do not meet any of these criteria. Please contact the Administrative Officer for more information.

## CAN I GET RECOGNITION FOR PREVIOUS STUDY/EXPERIENCE?

You are able to gain recognition of skills and knowledge obtained through formal training, work experience and/or life experience. If you believe you are able to demonstrate the required level of competence in a unit you can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) by contacting the Administrative Officer. Where you have already successfully completed the same unit of competency, you are able to apply for Credit Transfer (CT) for that unit. No fees apply for CT.

## WHEN DO I START?

The structure of the course allows apprentices/trainees to be enrolled throughout the year. Please contact the Administrative Officer for more information.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To arrange to start a SBAT, ask about it at your school or contact our Administrative Officer for more information.

To arrange to start a full time Farm Apprenticeship/Traineeship, enquire at an Australian Apprenticeship Centre (AAC) or contact our Administrative Officer for more information.

Once you have registered with an AAC, you are able to make direct application to Longerenong College for course enrolment. Direct application forms are available by contacting the Administrative Officer or go to Apply Now on the Longerenong website ([www.longy.com.au](http://www.longy.com.au)).

Applicants with physical and/ or intellectual disabilities will be assessed for suitability for the program as part of the selection process.

## FEES AND FINANCE

Information regarding fees and finance is available by contacting the Administrative Officer or go to Fees and Finance on the Longerenong website ([www.longy.com.au](http://www.longy.com.au))

## NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

### Contact the Administrative Officer:

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