

**School Based
Traineeship**



Agriculture Certificate III

Whether you are just starting your career in agriculture or want to build on your existing knowledge, this traineeship will give you a comprehensive set of practical skills and the chance to specialise in a particular type of farming. Certificate III in Agriculture will teach you farming basics and agriculture essentials, including dealing with different weather conditions and managing sustainability and production records; how to use and maintain farming machinery, tools and equipment and how to use chemicals safely and manage biosecurity threats.

Outcome on completion of HSC

- Certificate III in Agriculture AHC30116 from AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package.
- Pathway to Certificate IV in Agriculture AHC40116.

Course delivery

- Both on the job and off the job and can be delivered face-to-face, flexibly or mixed mode.
- The SBT term is calculated in months from the date of commencement to 31 December of the HSC year.

Commitment required

- Undertake a minimum of 180 days in paid employment and training.
- Complete Certificate III in Agriculture.
- The employment and training can be undertaken during school time, after school and during school holidays.

How will you be assessed?

- Both on the job and off the job through written tests, project work and practical exercises.

Course	ATAR eligibility	HSC unit credit
Agriculture	Yes	Minimum of 5 units over two years towards your HSC for the formal training component (VET course).
Industry-based Learning course (optional)	No	This optional course recognises the significant work component involved in the school based apprenticeship. The course offers an additional 4 units credit towards your HSC. This HSC VET course does not contribute towards the calculation of the ATAR.



For further information about how to sign up to this school based traineeship please speak with your Careers Adviser or visit our Internet site at www.education.nsw.gov.au/sbat

Agriculture Certificate III – Approval Requirements

Approval Requirements – School Based Traineeships (SBTs)

- [AHC20516 Certificate II in Arboriculture.](#)
- [AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture.](#)
- [AHC31818 Certificate III in Beekeeping.](#)

In addition to current [Apprenticeship and Traineeships in NSW](#) which includes the requirement that a Training Plan be developed for every apprenticeship or traineeship established, the following requirements must be applied for the above qualifications as SBTs:

1. **Schools:** Applications for this School Based Traineeship will be assessed by the Training Services NSW Regional Office on a case by case basis. Applications must be fully supported by the school sector.
2. **Trainees Eligibility:** To be eligible to participate in the above School Based Traineeships students must:
3. Provide two referees to support their level of experience, one of which is the Primary Industries teacher at their school.
4. **Employer Eligibility:** In order for an employer to take on a trainee in the above qualifications, they must:
 - provide one to one supervision during high risk activities for AHC20516 Certificate II in Arboriculture
 - have the full range of work with a minimum of 180 days paid work to enable a Certificate III qualification to be undertaken and the capacity to supervise and train in the workplace. Prior to any application being considered Training Services NSW will undertake a Duty of Care assessment on the prospective employer to ensure that this and other traineeship requirements are met.
5. **Registered Training Organisations:** Training providers must demonstrate through the full training plan that the qualification and preparation for the NESA exam can be delivered and assessed within the nominal term and meet requirements for the student's HSC.