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# **AHC31124 Certificate III in Nursery Operations**

**Release 1**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 10.0.

## Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for trade level roles carried out under broad supervision in the nursery production and retail nursery industry. It is assumed that participants undertaking this qualification as a direct entry qualification would have nursery or horticulture industry experience prior to undertaking this qualification.

Individuals with this qualification perform tasks autonomously involving a broad range of skills that are applied in a wide variety of contexts, which will involve discretion and judgement in planning tasks, selecting and operating equipment, coordinating resources and applying contingency measures during work.

Work must comply with work health and safety and environmental regulations and legislation that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

## Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

## Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 16 units of competency:
  - 9 core units plus
  - 7 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. Electives can be chosen to provide a general qualification or a qualification with a specialisation.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Nursery Operations* choose:

- up to 7 electives from groups A, B or C

- up to 3 units from any other endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged at Certificate II, III or IV.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Nursery Operations (Nursery Production)* choose:

- at least 4 electives from group A
- up to 3 units from the remaining units listed in groups A, B or C, or any other endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged at Certificate II, III or IV.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Nursery Operations (Retail Nursery)* choose:

- at least 4 electives from group B
- up to 3 units from the remaining units listed in groups A, B or C, or any other endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged at Certificate II, III or IV.

Where two specialisations are completed, award of the qualification would read (for example), *Certificate III in Nursery Operations (Nursery Production, Retail Nursery)*.

### Core Units

AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCIRG338	Troubleshoot irrigation systems
AHCNSY308	Maintain nursery plants
AHCPCM305	Implement a plant nutrition program
AHCPCM306	Provide information on plants and their culture
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL305	Prepare growing media
AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes

### Elective Units

#### Group A Nursery Production

AHCBIO303	Apply biosecurity measures
AHCIRG347	Maintain pressurised irrigation systems
AHCNSY309	Receive and dispatch nursery products
AHCNSY313	Implement a propagation plan

#### Group B Retail Nursery

AHCPCM303	Identify plant specimens
BSBMKG434	Promote products and services
SIRRMER001	Produce visual merchandise displays
SIRXCEG001	Engage the customer

### Group C General Electives

AHCBER302	Work effectively in a biosecurity emergency response
AHCBER305	Carry out emergency disease or pest control procedures on infected premises
AHCBER306	Carry out movement and security procedures
AHCBIO301	Identify and report signs of unusual disease or pest
AHCBUS408	Operate within a budget framework
AHCHYD301	Implement a maintenance program for hydroponic systems
AHCHYD302	Install hydroponic systems
AHCIRG328	Operate irrigation controller and sensor technology
AHCIRG337	Measure irrigation delivery system performance
AHCIRG345	Install pressurised irrigation systems
AHCIRG346	Operate pressurised irrigation systems
AHCMER305	Provide information on hardware products
AHCMER306	Sell products and services
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors
AHCMOM217	Operate quad bikes
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCMOM305	Operate specialised machinery and equipment
AHCNSY310	Install and maintain plant displays
AHCNSY311	Promote sales of plants

AHCNSY312	Prepare specialised plants
AHCNSY314	Operate fertigation equipment
AHCNSY403	Plan a growing-on program
AHCPCM204	Recognise plants
AHCPCM405	Implement an integrated pest management program
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCSOL203	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
AHCWAT302	Monitor and operate water treatment processes
AHCWRK315	Respond to emergencies
AHCWRK317	Coordinate work site activities
AHCWRK320	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
BSBOPS304	Deliver and monitor a service to customers
BSBOPS305	Process customer complaints
SIRRINV002	Control stock
SIRRMER003	Coordinate visual merchandising activities
SIRXPDK001	Advise on products and services
SIRXRSK002	Maintain store security
TLILIC0003	Licence to operate a forklift truck

## Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC31124 Certificate III in Nursery Operations	AHC31120 Certificate III in Nursery Operations	Updated 1 Core unit and 3 Elective units	Not equivalent

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -  
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>