



**Australian Government**

# **AHC51816 Diploma of Organic Farming**

**Release 5**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 5	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 6.1.
Release 4	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 4.0.
Release 3	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.1.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

## Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of personnel working within an organic farming enterprise who manage enterprise production units, manage the certification and continued compliance with organic standards and develop and maintain organic produce supply chains. It is designed to meet the needs of owners and managers of organic farming enterprises.

This qualification is suitable for people currently working or who wish to find employment on an organic farming enterprise or who own an organic farming enterprise.

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:

- 10 units of competency:
  - 2 core units plus
  - 8 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. The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- Select 2 units from Group A
- Select 5 units from Group A or Group B
- 1 unit aligned to AQF level 4 or above may be selected from the elective list, or this or any other endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course
- Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in agriculture and must be chosen to ensure the integrity of the qualification outcome at AQF level 5.

### Core Units

AHCAGB504	Plan production for the whole business
AHCORG506	Manage an agroecology production system

### Elective Units

#### Group A

#### Organic farming

AHCORG401	Manage biodynamic production
AHCORG402	Manage organic livestock production
AHCORG403	Manage organic soil improvement
AHCORG408	Manage on farm composting
AHCORG503	Design and document an organic farm landscape
AHCORG504	Develop and manage a community based marketing supply chain
AHCORG505	Develop and monitor a sustainable production plan
AHCORG507	Develop an organic and biodynamic management plan
AHCORG508	Prepare the enterprise for organic and biodynamic certification
AHCPER507	Research and interpret requirements for a permaculture project
AHCSOL505	Monitor and manage soils for production projects

**Group B****Agribusiness**

AHCAGB518	Develop climate risk management strategies
AHCBUS513	Market products and services
AHCBUS514	Negotiate and monitor contracts
AHCBUS518	Prepare and monitor budgets and financial reports
AHCMER501	Develop a sales strategy for rural products
BSBFIM501	Manage budgets and financial plans

**Broadacre cropping**

AHCBAC408	Manage agricultural crop production
AHCBAC503	Manage integrated crop and pasture production
AHCBAC506	Manage the harvest of crops
AHCBAC507	Develop production plans for crops
AHCBAC509	Plan and manage long-term weed, pest or disease control in crops

**Business**

AHCBUS511	Manage enterprise staff requirements
AHCBUS516	Develop and review a business plan
AHCBUS517	Monitor and review business performance
BSBR5K501	Manage risk

**Chemicals**

AHCCHM405	Plan and implement a chemical use program
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**Livestock**

AHCLSK501	Manage livestock production
AHCLSK502	Arrange marketing of livestock
AHCLSK503	Develop and implement a breeding strategy
AHCLSK504	Develop livestock health and welfare strategies
AHCLSK505	Develop production plans for livestock
AHCLSK506	Design livestock effluent systems

### **Natural area restoration**

AHCNAR506	Develop and implement sustainable land use strategies
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### **Production horticulture**

AHCPCM501	Diagnose plant health problems
AHCPHT502	Develop a horticultural production plan
AHCPHT503	Manage a controlled growing environment

### **Water**

AHCIRG506	Design irrigation systems
AHCWAT503	Manage water systems

### **Work health and safety**

AHCWHS502	Manage work health and safety processes
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### **Work**

AHCWRK502	Collect and manage data
AHCWRK504	Assess new industry developments
AHCWRK511	Develop workplace policy and procedures for sustainability

AHCWRK512	Plan, implement and review a quality assurance program
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## Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC51816 Diploma of Organic Farming Release 5	AHC51816 Diploma of Organic Farming Release 4	Qualification updated to remove one elective unit that has been deleted as part of meeting Skills Ministers' priority of removing training products with low or no enrolments, as agreed by the AISC	Equivalent

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>