

# AHC60524 Advanced Diploma of Arboriculture

(was AHC60520)

Following strategic revisions of the AHC Training Package by unit sector, several qualifications and skill sets require updating to include the improved units.

Skills Insight is seeking comment from those who may be impacted by the replacement of the units so that disruptions can be minimised. These updates are not to change the intent of the qualifications, simply to include units already consulted on with stakeholders to better meet skills needs.

Below is an updated version of Advanced Diploma of Arboriculture as well as a summary of the updates made to units within it.

This document provides a list of units of competency to be updated in this qualification and includes notes on changes between the current and updated units. Other units are not included as they don't need to be changed.

## Acronyms:

E – Equivalent

NE - Not Equivalent

PC – Performance Criteria

PE – Performance Evidence

KE – Knowledge Evidence

AC – Assessment Conditions

AHC - Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package

## Key:

Superseded units / recommended replacements

New unit

~~Proposed deletion~~ - deleted units/units proposed for deletion

**Modification History**

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

AHC60524	Advanced Diploma of Arboriculture
<p><b>Qualification Description</b></p> <p>This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for specialist consulting arborists, senior consulting arborists, and senior tree managers.</p> <p>It applies to individuals who apply advanced and paraprofessional knowledge and skills to manage trees in the context of society and infrastructure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• integration of design, planning and tree diagnostics</li> <li>• urban forest performance and operational management</li> <li>• development of strategies and policy for arboriculture within a legislative and regulatory framework.</li> </ul> <p>Legislation, regulations and by-laws relating to the establishment, treatment and removal of trees apply in all States and Territories.</p>	
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p> <p>Prior to commencing the qualification, an individual must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a diploma of arboriculture</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a diploma or higher qualification in a field related to arboriculture plus 2 years current work experience as a consulting arborist or a municipal tree manager.</li> </ul>	

**Packaging Rules**

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 10 units of competency:
  - 4 core units plus
  - 6 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:

- up to 4 units selected from electives listed below
- up to 2 units may be selected from electives listed below or this or any other endorsed Training Package or accredited course

No more than 3 of the 6 electives selected can be coded with an AQF indicator below level 6 or reflect outcomes below AQF level 6.

Note: Units listed in the Prerequisite requirement column that have their own prerequisite requirements are shown with an asterisk (\*)

**Core Units**

AHCARB608	Interpret diagnostic test results
AHCARB609	Measure and improve the performance of urban forests
AHCARB610	Provide consultation in a legal framework
AHCARB611	Develop an operational tree management plan

**Elective Units**

AHCARB512	Generate tree plans using computer-aided design software
AHCARB612	Review and develop strategic tree policy
AHCARB613	Conduct complex tree hazard and health assessment post-fire
AHCNRM507	Manipulate and analyse data within geographic information systems
AHCPCM602	Develop and implement a plant health management strategy
AHCWRK605	Design and conduct a field-based research trial
BSBAUD515	Evaluate and review compliance
BSBOPS601	Develop and implement business plans
BSBMSTR602	Develop and implement strategic plans
CPPSSI5064	Conduct complex spatial data analysis
FWPCOT6204	Use carbon accounting to estimate emissions
FWPFRM5003	Contribute to and implement a forest inventory program

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<del>LGACOMP008A</del>	<del>Apply conflict resolution strategies</del>
<del>LGAGCM710A</del>	<del>Manage contracts and contractors</del>
LGAPLA005	Protect heritage and cultural assets
<del>LGAPLEM512A</del>	<del>Provide geographic information systems data</del>
PSPPCY018	Manage policy implementation

### Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC60524 Advanced Diploma of Arboriculture	AHC60520 Advanced Diploma of Arboriculture	Updated 3 Elective units, removed 4 deleted Elective units and added 1 new Elective unit	To be confirmed

### Links

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

**Qualification: AHC60520 Advanced Diploma of Arboriculture**

Unit's location in impacted qualification	Current Unit	Replacement Unit	Equivalence	Notes on change
Note: This qualification has entry requirements that are not under review at this time				
Elective	FWPFGM6203 Manage sustainable tree inventory	FWPFRM5003 Contribute to and implement a forest inventory program	NE	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>FWPFGM5201 Plan and manage an inventory program</i> , and <i>FWPFGM6203 Manage sustainable tree inventory</i>
Elective	PSPPCY010 Manage policy implementation	PSPPCY018 Manage policy implementation	NE	Major and minor changes to unit
Elective	BSBCOM602 Develop and create compliance requirements	BSBAUD515 Evaluate and review compliance	NE	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>BSBCOM602 Develop and create compliance requirements</i> and <i>BSBCOM502 Evaluate and review compliance</i>
Elective	NA	AHCARB613 Conduct complex tree hazard and health assessment post-fire	New	
Elective	FWPCOT6204 Use carbon accounting to estimate emissions	Deleted		
Elective	LGACOMP008A Apply conflict resolution strategies	Deleted		

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Elective	LGAGCM710A Manage contracts and contractors	Deleted		
Elective	LGAPLEM512A Provide geographic information systems data	Deleted		