

# AHC20724 Certificate II in Nursery Operations

(was AHC20720)

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

Feedback from the recent broad consultation phase has not resulted in any further changes to this qualification.

The qualification equivalency status has now been added. Due to the changes in the core of this qualification, the status has been deemed not equivalent.

We are now seeking final validation of this qualification. To validate, please use the survey link on the project webpage.

The units of competency updated in this qualification are highlighted, please see notes on changes between the current and updated units at the end of this document for more information.

**Modification History**

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

AHC20724	Certificate II in Nursery Operations
<p><b>Qualification Description</b></p> <p>This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for supporting job roles in the nursery industry including production nursery assistant, production nursery worker, retail nursery sales assistant and retail nursery maintainer.</p> <p>Individuals with this qualification undertake routine tasks under supervision where the work is predictable and structured with limited judgement requirements.</p> <p>Work must comply with work health and safety and environmental regulations and legislation that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.</p>	
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p> <p>There are no entry requirements for this qualification.</p>	

**Key:**

Superseded units / recommended replacements

New unit

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

**Packaging Rules**

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 16 units of competency:
  - 3 core units plus
  - 13 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 II in Nursery Operations choose:

- at least 10 electives from groups A, B or C
- up to 3 units from the remaining electives listed in groups A, B or C or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged at Certificate II or III.

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

- at least 4 electives from Group A
- up to 6 units from the remaining units listed in groups A, B or C

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

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

- at least 4 electives from Group B
- up to 6 units from the remaining units listed in groups A, B or C
- up to 3 units from the remaining units listed in groups A, B or C, or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged at Certificate II or III.

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

### Core Units

AHCNSY206	Care for nursery plants
AHCPCM204	Recognise plants
AHCWHS202	Participate in workplace health and safety processes

### Elective Units

#### Group A Nursery Production

AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision
AHCIRG221	Assist with pressurised irrigation operations
AHCNSY205	Pot up plants
AHCNSY207	Undertake propagation activities
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds
AHCPMG202	Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL203	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
AHCWRK215	Collect and record production data

#### Group B Retail Nursery

AHCNSY208	Maintain indoor plants
AHCPGD208	Prepare and maintain plant displays
SIRRINV001	Receive and handle retail stock
SIRXIND002	Organise and maintain the store environment
SIRXSL001	Sell to the retail customer

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### Group C General Electives

AHC BIO203	Inspect and clean machinery, tools and equipment to preserve biosecurity
AHC BIO204	Follow site biosecurity procedures
AHC DRG202	Maintain drainage systems
AHC INF207	Maintain properties and structures
AHC MOM202	Operate tractors
AHC MOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment
AHC MOM204	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
AHC MOM216	Operate side by side utility vehicles
AHC PGD209	Prune shrubs and small trees
AHC WRK211	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
AHC WRK212	Work effectively in industry
AHC WRK213	Participate in workplace communications
BSB INS201	Process and maintain workplace information
BSB TEC201	Use business software applications
HLT AID010	Provide basic emergency life support
ICT ICT214	Operate application software packages
SIR RINV002	Control stock
SIR XSLS002	Follow point-of-sale procedures
TLID0020	Shift materials safely using manual handling methods
TLID0015	Load and unload goods/cargo

### Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC20724 Certificate II in Nursery Operations	AHC20720 Certificate II in Production Nursery	Updated 1 Core and 9 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>

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**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

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Core	AHCWHS201 Participate in work health and safety processes	AHCWHS202 Participate in workplace health and safety processes	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> - unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> - consolidated in Elements 1 and 2 PC 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 removed. Risks to fellow workers and undertaking safety training now covered under follow workplace procedures and work instructions to control risks Noise hazards and manual handling risks now covered under workplace health and safety hazards and risks</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading and Oral Communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Now emphasises safely completing a work task on “<i>at least one occasion</i>” instead of “<i>performance demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts</i>” Performance Evidence relating to “<i>identify tasks or information from labels, manuals or written instructions</i>” removed to be covered under relevant to workplace procedures for identifying tasks</p> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> - consolidated Relevant machinery and equipment operator manuals now covered under workplace procedures</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective	AHCWRK209 Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	AHCWRK211 Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	NE	<p>Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>AHCWRK202 Observe environmental work practices</i> and <i>AHCWRK209 Participate in environmentally sustainable work practice</i></p> <p><u>Elements</u> – unchanged (compared with AHCWRK209)</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> – minor edits for clarity</p>

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				<p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading, Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. Now states that the individual has “<i>participated in environmentally sustainable work practices on at least one occasion and identified and reported potential breaches on at least two occasions</i>”.</p> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> - expanded to specify lists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• environmental and resource hazards and risks relevant to industry sector</li> <li>• resources used in own industry sector</li> <li>• environmental resources used in own industry sector</li> </ul> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective (Specialisation)	AHCWRK204 Work effectively in the industry	AHCWRK212 Work effectively in industry	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> - consolidated Elements 4,5,6, and 7 merged to 4 and 5: 4. Participate and contribute to a productive team environment 5. Confirm and undertake workplace activities</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> Content of 5.3, 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5 updated and now covered under Element 4 5.3 Resolve where possible, through personal communication or refer to a supervisor, manager or employer for resolution 6.1 Fulfil commitments to undertake work or assist co-workers 6.4 Recognise and seek contributions of individuals of different gender and social and cultural backgrounds 6.5 Observe and implement the principles of equal employment opportunity</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading and Oral Communication)</p>

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				<p><u>Performance Evidence</u>                      Now emphasises safely completing a work task on “<i>at least one occasion</i>” instead of “<i>performance demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts</i>”                      “<i>Co-operated and communicated in a respectful manner</i>” replaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meet the industry standard for dress</li> <li>• communicate effectively with team members and supervisors</li> <li>• use industry terminology</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> - minor changes to update workplace terminology</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>

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Elective	AHCWRK205 Participate in workplace communications	AHCWRK213 Participate in workplace communications	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> - consolidated                      Elements 1 and 2 combined                      1. Follow routine spoken messages and 2. Perform workplace duties following routine written notices combined to:                      1. Follow routine workplace instructions</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> – consolidated under new Element 1</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u>                      Now emphasises the individual has participated in workplace communications “<i>on at least one occasion</i>” instead of “<i>performance demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts</i>”                      Performance Evidence consolidated to emphasise communication activities relevant to the workplace and points below have been removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• estimating, calculating and recording routine workplace measures</li> <li>• using basic mathematical processes of addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, percentages, decimal points and ratios</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> - minor edits for clarity</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective (Specialisation)	AHCWRK207 Collect and record production data	AHCWRK215 Collect and record production data	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> – unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u></p>

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				<p>Removed references to whether notices relating to site quarantine are in effect and, where required, follow site quarantine procedures. Now covered under identifying and reporting of workplace health and hazards and risks.</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading, Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. Now states that the individual has <i>“collected and recorded production data on at least one occasion”</i>.</p> <p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• calibrated tools and equipment</li> <li>• identified workplace health and safety hazards and risks, and reported to supervisor</li> <li>• downloaded and entered data on a computer.</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> – minor edits for clarity.</p> <p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tools and equipment calibration methods and purpose</li> </ul> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective	AHCINF203 Maintain properties and structures	AHCINF207 Maintain properties and structures	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> - unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> – minor changes for clarity</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading and Oral Communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. Now states that there must be evidence that the individual has <i>“repaired properties and structures, where the services of a tradesperson is not necessary, on at least two occasions”</i></p>

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				<p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cleaned and tidied up work area and disposed of or recycled waste</li> <li>• reported property and structure maintenance activities and unserviceable tools and equipment</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> – minor edits for clarity</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective (Specialisation)	AHCPGD202 Prepare and maintain plant displays	AHCPGD208 Prepare and maintain plant displays	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> New element 3 added to cover completion of installation work</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> – minor changes for clarity</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Oral communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. States that there must be evidence that the individual has “<i>prepared one plant display and maintained the plant display on at least three occasions</i>”</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reported plant display preparation and maintenance operations and unserviceable tools and equipment</li> <li>• maintained plant display appearance, including mulching, weeding, dead heading and shaping, and replacing plants</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> – minor changes for clarity</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>

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Elective	AHCPGD203 Prune shrubs and small trees	AHCPGD209 Prune shrubs and small trees	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> - unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> – minor changes for clarity</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Oral communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. States that “<i>there must be evidence that the individual has pruned at least three different shrubs and small trees</i>” Use of the following tools also specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• secateurs</li> <li>• loppers or extension loppers</li> <li>• shears</li> <li>• pruning or pole saws</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> – minor changes for clarity</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective	TLID1001 Shift materials safely using manual handling methods	TLID0020 Shift materials safely using manual handling methods	E	Minor changes
Elective	TLID2004 Load and unload goods/cargo	TLID0015 Load and unload goods/cargo	E	Minor changes