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Agriculture Trade Qualification project summary of development

Consensus Gathering – November, 2026

Key to qualification & unit outcomes:

Newly created component

Summary of development of proposed qualification

Current qualification code on TGA	Current qualification Title on TGA	Temporary new qualification code	Proposed new qualification title	Qualification outcome	Summary of development for Broad Consultation	Summary of changes for Consensus Gathering
Not applicable	Not applicable	AHC3XX27	Certificate III in Agricultural Production	Newly created	This qualification is for individuals engaged in a range of agriculturalist trade occupations. It includes specialisations for broadacre cropping, dairy operations and livestock operations Description: Additional statements added to the qualification descriptor to clearly define the target cohort and set expectations about entry-level capability. Occupational title list expanded. Entry Requirements: Not applicable.	**Occupational title list** Added "Agriculturist", and "Livestock handler". Removed "Agricultural specialist", and "Head stockperson". **Foundation skills outcomes table** Updated to reflect changes to units listed in the core. **Packaging Rules** Total units 26, core units increased by one to 14 and elective units reduced by one to 12. **Core units** Added: • AHCBIO303 Apply biosecurity measures

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					Packaging Rules: 26 units required, 13 core, 6 mandatory units per specialisation to ensure industry specific skills are obtained in the qualification structure. Core Units: Feedback during development lead to a decrease in the core units from 14 to 13 units of competency to tighten and align the core units to agricultural specific requirements for the targeted cohorts. Elective Units: Feedback during development lead to a mandatory units list for each of the qualification specialisations, and a Group D elective list being developed to provide tightly aligned units to job roles. Group E elective units list structured to provide clear visual representation of the units to their nominal AQF indicator as well as a dedicated imported units list.	• ACCHM304 Transport and store chemicals • AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases • (new unit) AHCWRK3X01 Identify and compare agricultural production systems. Moved from core to Group D elective units list: • AHCPCM305 Implement a plant nutrition program • AHCPMG301 Control weeds • AHCPMG302 Control plant pests, diseases and disorders **Group B Dairy Production** Added: • AHCDRY304 Carry out routine service of milking equipment to reflect variation in contemporary practice across jurisdictions. **Group C Livestock Production** Added the following units to this specialist stream to reflect the variation in contemporary practice across jurisdictions and geographical locations: • AHCLSK347 Maintain livestock water supplies • AHCLSK350 Identify and draft livestock • AHCLSK351 Implement animal health control programs • AHCLSK359 Coordinate and monitor livestock transport.

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						Group D Elective Units Added the following units: • AHCBAC314 Prepare to receive grains and seeds • AHCIRG336 Operate and maintain gravity fed irrigation systems • AHCIRG437 Schedule irrigations • AHCLSK224 Handle livestock using basic techniques • AHCLSK226 Load and unload livestock • AHCLSK237 Brand livestock • AHCLSK341 Coordinate artificial insemination and fertility management of livestock • AHCLSK343 Prepare for and implement natural mating of livestock • AHCLSK363 Care for and train working dogs • AHCLSK366 Collect, store and administer colostrum • AHCLSK369 Monitor animals in intensive production systems • AHCLSK422 Identify and select animals for breeding • AHCMOM303 Operate a telehandler • AHCMOM309 Operate broadacre sowing machinery and equipment • AHCPCM303 Identify plant specimens

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						• AHCPCM305 Implement a plant nutrition program • AHCPMG301 Control weeds • AHCPMG302 Control plant pests, diseases and disorders • AHCPMG304 Use firearms to humanely destroy animals • AHCSHG217 Undertake basic shearing and crutching • AHCWRK212 Work effectively in industry • AHCWRK317 Coordinate work site activities • BSBPEF201 Support personal wellbeing in the workplace • RIISAM203E Use hand and power tools • RIISAM205E Cut, weld and bend materials • RIIWHS202E Enter and work in confined spaces • RIIWHS204E Work safely at heights • TLILIC0003 Licence to operate a forklift truck • TLILIC2016 Licence to drive a heavy rigid vehicle Note: The majority of units added to Group D were formerly in the Group E elective units list. Moved the following units to Group C • AHCLSK347 Maintain livestock water supplies • AHCLSK350 Identify and draft livestock

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						• AHCLSK351 Implement animal health control programs. **Group E Elective Units** Group removed from qualification as recommended elective units for importation into the qualification added to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Summary of development of proposed units of competency

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Not applicable	Not applicable	AHCSOL3X01	Implement soil management processes	Newly created	Feedback on the content of this unit has sparked conversation regarding whether soil sampling and basic testing is a required skill for this unit of competency.	**Overall:** references to 'agricultural' have been removed throughout to reflect broader applicability. **Title:** Removed 'agricultural'. Updated to "Implement soil management processes". **Performance criteria:** PC1.3 removed, and PC1.4 to PC1.7 renumbered to PC1.3 to PC1.6

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						PC1.3 was “Interpret soil test results to identify soil condition, nutrient status and soil health indicators”, now “Interpret soil sampling test results to identify soil condition, nutrient status and soil health indicators”. PC1.4 was “Identify factors affecting soil productivity, soil health and sustainability”, now “Review factors affecting soil productivity, soil health and sustainability” PC2.4 was “Apply soil ameliorants, conditioners and treatments according to workplace procedures and manufacturer instructions”, now “Apply soil ameliorants, conditioners or treatments according to workplace procedures and manufacturer instructions” PC3.3 was “Identify changes in soil condition resulting from soil management activities”, now “Use on-ground observations to identify changes in soil condition resulting from soil management activities”. **Performance evidence:** Lead in sentence was “There must be evidence that the individual has implemented agricultural soil management processes on at least one occasion, and

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						has:", now "There must be evidence that the individual has implemented soil management processes on at least one occasion, and has:" Bullet removed "collected soil samples according to workplace procedures and testing requirements", remaining bullets changed to read "assessed soil condition and determined soil management requirements using workplace production objectives, observations, soil monitoring information and at least one soil sampling test report", "implemented soil management activities that included applying soil ameliorant, conditioner or treatment, undertaking nutrient management activities, and applying practices to minimise soil degradation and support soil health", "monitored soil condition following implementation using observations and soil monitoring or testing information to identify changes in soil condition", "evaluated the effectiveness of the soil management process against workplace soil management objectives or target outcomes, including identifying emerging soil issues and opportunities for improvement", "communicated soil

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						management outcomes and recommendations to a supervisor or manager", "completed workplace records that documented the soil condition assessment, soil management activities, monitoring outcomes, evaluation findings and recommendations.". **Knowledge evidence:** Bullet added "soil microbiology and health, including bacteria and fungi", removed "soil sampling techniques and procedures", changed "soil testing methods and purposes" to "soil sampling test techniques, procedures, methods and purposes". **Assessment conditions:** Lead in sentence was "Skill must be demonstrated in an agricultural production environment, or an environment that accurately represents an agricultural production environment.", now "Skill must be demonstrated in a production environment, or an environment that accurately represents a production environment."
Not applicable	Not applicable	AHCTEC3X01	Operate and monitor agricultural production data	Newly created	Feedback on the content of this unit identified that advice/support regarding digital systems and software faults may be provided from; colleagues, business owners	**Elements:** 3 was "Select, extract and analyse critical data", now "Select, extract and analyse production data"

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			information technology		or specialists. As a result, the unit performance criteria and assessment requirements has been edited to read 'relevant personnel'.	4 was "Interpret and act upon critical information", now "Interpret and act upon information". **Performance criteria:** PC1.2 was "Configure and operate digital technology according to manufacturer specifications, workplace health and safety requirements and workplace procedures", now "Configure, update and operate digital technology according to manufacturer specifications, workplace health and safety requirements and workplace procedures" PC2.2 added "Conduct on-ground observation to check accuracy of data according to workplace health and safety requirements and workplace procedures", and PC2.2 to PC2.3 renumbered to PC2.3 to PC2.4 PC2.3 was "Store and maintain agricultural production data according to workplace procedures and data security requirements", now "Store and maintain agricultural production data according to workplace procedures, data privacy, intellectual property and security requirements" PC3.2 and PC3.3 swapped, without change to content

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						PC5.1 was "Identify faults or operational issues in digital systems, technologies or software", now "Identify and report faults or operational issues in digital systems, technologies or software" PC5.4 was "Seek support to rectify faults", now "Identify and seek support to rectify faults where required". **Performance evidence:** Lead in sentence was "There must be evidence that the individual has in an agricultural production environment, on at least one occasion:", now "There must be evidence that the individual has completed at least one agricultural production data process, using data information technology, and has:" Bullets changed to read "configured and operated data information technology according to manufacturer specifications, workplace health and safety requirements and workplace procedures", "monitored collection, storage and maintenance of agricultural production data, and stored and maintained data according to workplace requirements", "verified the accuracy, validity and reliability of production data using on-ground observations and

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						operational checks", "identified and responded to at least one data quality issue involving an inconsistency, error or missing information, including taking corrective action within their level of responsibility", "selected, extracted and analysed production data to identify at least one production issue, variation or opportunity for improvement", "communicated findings and recommendations to relevant personnel and implemented or supported an operational adjustment based on the findings", "identified and responded to at least one actual or simulated technology fault or operational issue by applying basic troubleshooting procedures, including •rectifying the fault or issue within their scope of responsibility, or seeking assistance where required • reporting the fault or issue and action taken", "completed at least one workplace record and report documenting: • technology settings and user requirements • data verification and analysis outcomes • data quality issues and corrective actions taken • findings, recommendations and operational adjustments implemented or supported •

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						technology faults or operational issues and actions taken.". **Knowledge evidence:** Bullet two was "current and emerging digital technologies used in agricultural production", now "current digital technologies used in agricultural production" Bullet three was "principles of digital data collection, storage, analysis and reporting", now "principles of digital data privacy, collection, storage, analysis and reporting" Bullet five was "workplace procedures for data accuracy, verification, security and storage", now "workplace procedures for data accuracy, verification, privacy, intellectual property, security and storage" Bullet six was "methods used to validate digital data through operational observation and on-ground checks", now "methods used to validate digital data through on-ground observation and operational checks" Bullet ten was "workplace health and safety requirements relating to digital equipment and technologies", now "workplace health and safety requirements relating to on-ground

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						truthing, digital equipment and technologies". **Assessment conditions:** Lead-in paragraph: added new second sentence "Using actual or simulated technology faults or operational issues suitable for applying basic troubleshooting procedures". Bullet four was "agricultural production data digital technologies, systems, software and applications to interrogate and analyse data", now "agricultural production data digital technologies, systems, software and applications".
Not applicable	Not applicable	AHCTEC3X02	Identify and recommend agricultural production system technology	Newly created	Feedback on the content of this unit identified the need to broaden the unit to include return on investment (ROI), diagnostic capability and repair options.	**Performance criteria:** PC2.1 was "Research current and emerging agricultural production technologies relevant to workplace requirements", now "Research current and emerging agricultural production technologies and trends relevant to workplace requirements" PC3.1 was "Evaluate technology options against workplace operational, compatibility, interoperability, safety, diagnostic capability, repairability and cost requirements", now "Evaluate

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						technology options against identified workplace selection criteria". **Performance evidence:** Lead in sentence was "There must be evidence that the individual has identified and recommended at least two options, and has:", now "There must be evidence that the individual has completed at least one investigation and recommendation process to address an identified production or operational issue in an agricultural production system, and has:" Bullets changed to read: "determined workplace production requirements, operational needs, constraints and technology selection criteria in consultation with personnel relevant to the task", "researched at least two technology options or trends that address the identified production or operational issue using technical, supplier, industry and workplace information", "compared the technology options against the identified selection criteria, including: • suitability for the agricultural production system • functionality, compatibility and interoperability • applications and

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						limitations • cost and basic return on investment (ROI) • implementation and support requirements • diagnostic capability and repair options", "selected and recommended the technology option that best meets the identified production and operational requirements", "completed and submitted a proposal according to workplace procedures that documented: • the identified production or operational issue and technology selection criteria • the technology options considered and their comparative evaluation • the specifications and operational benefits of the recommended option • the reasons for the recommendation • cost and basic return on investment • procurement and implementation requirements.". **Knowledge evidence:** Bullet one was "types, functions and applications of current and emerging agricultural production technologies and systems", now "types, functions and applications of current and emerging agricultural production technologies, systems and trends"

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						Bullet three, sub-bullet eight was “cost considerations and ROI”, now “cost considerations and basic ROI” Bullet three, added new sub-bullet eleven “security, confidentiality and ownership of data” Bullet three, sub-bullet twelve was “access to technical information and ownership of data”, now “access to technical information and data”. **Assessment conditions:** Bullet two was “workplace procedures, operational information and procurement documentation”, now “workplace procedures and operational information”.
Not applicable	Not applicable	AHCWRK3X01	Identify and compare agricultural production systems	New unit	Not applicable	**Unit created from feedback received during Broad Consultation.** For specific feedback please see Consultation Log: All FBK and responses.