



## **Pathways from Certificate II into Certificate III in Primary Industries**

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## **The Primary Industries Curriculum Framework**

The Primary Industries Curriculum Framework provides pathways to both Certificate II and Certificate III qualifications from the [\*Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package \(AHC10\)\*](#).

If the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) has the appropriate Certificate III qualifications on its scope of registration, students may either:

- do all their study and training at the Certificate III level, or
- undertake study and training at the Certificate II level in the Primary Industries (240 indicative hours) course and use the Primary Industries Specialisation Study for study and training at the Certificate III level.

In the latter case, different HSC course requirements apply to the Primary Industries Specialisation Study.

## **Primary Industries Specialisation Study course requirements for students who have undertaken a Certificate II qualification**

For students who are undertaking, or have undertaken, a Certificate II qualification through the Primary Industries (240 indicative hours) course, there are different HSC course requirements for the Primary Industries Specialisation Study.

There is significant overlap of content between the mandatory level 2 and level 3 units of competency.

In recognition of the HSC credit already gained through the study of the mandatory level 2 units of competency, the related level 3 units of competency have been allocated gap HSC indicative hours.

In most cases, students will only need to undertake gap training and further assessment to meet the requirements of these level 3 units of competency.

The gap HSC indicative hours for the Primary Industries Specialisation Study (60 or 120 or 180 or 240 indicative hours) course are outlined in **Table 1**.

These gap HSC indicative hours should be used in determining the units of competencies that students must attempt to meet the course requirements for the Primary Industries Specialisation Study (60 or 120 or 180 or 240 indicative hours) course.

**Table 1 Primary Industries Specialisation Study Gap HSC indicative hours**

Unit code	Unit title	Gap HSC indicative hours	related AQF level 2 unit of competency
AHCCHM303A	Prepare and apply chemicals	0	AHCCHM201A
AHCLSK309A	Implement animal health control programs	5	AHCLSK202A
AHCOHS301A	Contribute to OHS processes	5	AHCOHS201A
AHCPMG302A	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders	5	AHCPMG202A
AHCWRK302A	Monitor weather conditions	5	AHCWRK201A
AHCWRK313A	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices	5	AHCWRK209A

## HSC VET course and AQF VET qualification completion requirements

The requirements for HSC VET course completion are different to the requirements for the completion of an AQF VET qualification. Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) need to ensure that delivery of courses meets both the HSC course requirements and the Training Package qualification packaging rules.

HSC course requirements for the Primary Industries Specialisation Study (60 or 120 or 180 or 240 indicative hours) course are detailed in Section 2.4 of the Primary Industries Curriculum Framework Stage 6 Syllabus ([www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus\\_hsc/primary-industries.html](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/primary-industries.html)).

Qualification packaging rules for each AQF VET qualification available through the Primary Industries Curriculum Framework are contained in the *Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package (AHC10)* at [www.training.gov.au](http://www.training.gov.au) and in the qualification associated documents and support material for this Framework ([www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus\\_hsc/primary-industries.html](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/primary-industries.html)).