

# Certificate III in Horticulture

RTF30103

## Wholesale, Retail, Production Nursery

This is a nationally recognised qualification at an introductory level, focusing on a wide range of skills required by parks and gardens staff, particularly in local government. The Local Government Training Institute (LGTI) has developed this program to offer flexibility with ongoing support. To gain the certificate, participants can combine recognition of current work-related skills and knowledge with structured learning and assessment to enhance their capabilities in areas important to their organisation and their career.

The certificate will provide participants with general skills such as OH&S as well as more specific work-related skills relating to knowledge of plants, soils, the control of pests, diseases, weeds and the safe use of chemicals and their chosen elected horticultural field.

### Duration

It will normally take 2 years to complete the learning and assessment for this qualification.

### Course Delivery and Support

Participants can undertake this program in the workplace through a “flexible delivery” program.

### Flexible Delivery

Participants undertake this qualification in their workplace. They receive appropriate support and assistance from qualified trainers at the Local Government Training Institute, such as coaching in the work environment and/or face-to-face training.

At the start of the program, participants are given learner’s guides, reading materials, web-based activities, work based projects, self-assessment checklists and appropriate assessment tasks.

They are contacted regularly by the Local Government Training Institute staff to offer support and are visited in the workplace to monitor their progress and assess their skills. Phone and email support is available at all times.

### Incentives

Incentives of \$4,000 may be available for eligible staff under an Existing Worker Traineeship. Further details on available incentives are available from an Apprenticeships Centre in your area, for information and contact details visit <http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au>.

For people who undertake this certificate as part of a new-entrant or existing worker traineeship in NSW, the training may be partly funded by the NSW Government in partnership with the Australian Government.

### Fees payable to Local Government Training Institute throughout the program

- ✓ The total fee for this qualification is \$4,000 (GST Free). This includes a compulsory administration fee of \$414.



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### **Units of Competency**

To obtain this qualification, participants must successfully complete 16 units of competency from a specified range of electives.

### **Participants must complete 1 compulsory unit**

RTE3713A Carry out workplace OHS program

### **LGTI/ participants choose an additional 15 elective units**

The units can be taken from a specified range included in this Certificate (up to 4 from the Certificate II, III or IV in Horticulture).

### **LGTI have chosen the following list of electives as essential for horticultural underpinning knowledge other electives (please ask LGTU for a full list of electives suited to your workplace):**

- Recognise plants
- Provide information on plants and their culture
- Control weeds
- Control pests, diseases and plant disorders
- Sample soils and analyse results
- Prepare and apply chemicals (Chemuse card)
- Transport handle and store chemicals (Chemuse card)

Other electives can be specially tailored to retail, wholesale or production nurseries.

*Local Government Training Institute reserves the right to make changes to the advertised program arising from consultation with stakeholders.*

### **How to obtain further details and apply for the course**

For further details and an enrolment package, please contact:

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