

## ChemUse Card (AQF 3)

Since 1 September 2003 new rules apply under the Pesticides Act 1999 that make training compulsory for people who use pesticides as part of their job. As of 1 September 2009 a new Regulation (NSW Pesticides Regulation 2009) was released, with increased penalties for improper record of pesticide use.

This includes

- herbicides (e.g. Roundup)
- insecticides
- fungicides
- bactericides
- baits
- lures
- rodenticides.

The ChemUse Card course has been developed to address the training needs of the horticulture industry, including Local Government staff. It conforms to the training requirements of the Pesticides Act. The content draws from the WorkCover Code of Practice "Safe Use of Pesticides including Herbicides in Non-Agricultural Workplaces".

This training is aligned to nationally-accredited Horticulture competency standards:

- RTC3704A (Prepare and apply chemicals)
- RTC3705 (Transport, handle and store chemicals)

These competencies are a partial completion of a Certificate III in Horticulture (RTF30103).

The topics covered in the training include:

- the control of weeds, pests and diseases
- determining, preparing, applying, storing and transporting chemicals
- directions, standards and legislative requirements
- hazards, risks and controls
- specific safety procedures for unsupervised pesticide application
- ensuring minimum risk to self, other, environment and non target organisms
- accurate record keeping

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**DURATION:** 1 day (customised in-house training available)

**FACILITATOR:** Lorraine Lenior has 25 years extensive national and international horticultural experience and as a trainer/educator in the fields of nursery, parks and gardens, arboriculture, landscape and design; Lorraine holds an Adv. Diploma of Horticulture, Cert IV in Assessment & training

**PLEASE BRING:** Identification that shows your FULL NAME. This can include your birth certificate, drivers licence or passport. **PLEASE NOTE: A Statement of Attainment cannot be issued until ID is supplied.**

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To register, please complete a Local Government Training Institute registration form at [www.lgti.com.au](http://www.lgti.com.au) and submit online; or you can fax to Local Government Training Institute on (02) 4966 0655

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## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE COURSE?**

ChemUse Accreditation is suitable for all people (*Pesticides Act 1999*)

- who are required to store, handle, use and transport pesticides
- workers who are supervising others working with pesticides
- those who work in close proximity to where pesticides are stored and used
- Casual or seasonal workers who may use or come into contact with pesticides or hazardous residue

## **TARGET PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:-**

Employees within Local Government, Nursery, Landscape, Parks & Gardens, Arboriculture, Turf Industries, Bush Regenerators, Land care, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Water Resources, Forestry, Viticulturists, and other groups concerned with managing and implementing the safe and accurate handling of pesticides.

Our ChemUse course does NOT share the agricultural focus that other training products may, and is **NOT** a Hazardous Substances course.

## **Baiting**

Participants that require this certification for the purpose of purchasing and laying baits such as 1080 are also catered for as the training fulfils the requirements of the Pesticide Control (1080 Liquid Concentrate and Bait Products) Order 2008.

## **Assessment Tasks**

To satisfy course requirements, participants are expected to complete written and practical assessment activities. Please let us know if there are any issues that your LGTI trainer should be aware of.

This may include;

- Literacy/numeracy issues
- Physical limitations, such as hearing, vision or mobility concerns
- Anything that may affect your experience in the training course

This course covers 2 nationally accredited units of competence the 1 day and is an intensive day of training and assessment. If participants require additional or more specific information please contact us as we are happy to customise the *content* or the *duration* to suit the needs of you and your staff. (In-house courses only)

## **Each participant receives:-**

1. Workshop Assessment Workbook: This is interactive and designed for use during workshops. It covers all information essential to achieve competencies.
2. Information Book: This contains more detailed information on all topics and is kept by participants.
3. Plastic Wallet card/Statement of Attainment

**Accreditation** can only be issued on satisfactory completion of all assessments.

**Re-accreditation: The ChemUse plastic wallet cards are valid for 5 years**

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## Comments From Participants

“Everything is relevant to work on a golf course, the calibration and application rate section was excellent”

“Good refresher training, calibration”

“Correct uses for using pesticides”

“Read MSDA safety sheets, correct calibration”

“How to calibrate sprayers, certain procedures involved in spraying chemicals”

“To use the least toxic chemical for the job”

“To change chemical groups to prevent resistance of plants”

“Total understanding in what is correctly needed to carry out my job in the correct and safe operation”

“All the information regarding new regulations, risk assessment, code of practice – notification collaboration will be applied in the workplace”

“The information provided will greatly assist in the correct application of herbicides in council areas and assist in the supervision of councils noxious weed branch”

“Read the label”

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