

Pesticide Management in Horticulture (AQF4)

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. This includes herbicides (e.g. Roundup), insecticides, fungicides, bactericides, baits, lures and rodenticides. This course has been developed to address the training needs of the horticulture industry, including Local Government staff.

The course is delivered via distance, with participants receiving all of their resources electronically. Phone / email support from the trainer is provided as required. Participants will complete written exercises and provide evidence from the workplace.

This course conforms to the training requirements of the Pesticides Act and is aligned to nationally-accredited Horticulture competency standards. These units cover areas such as;

- Chemical use interpretation
- Identifying risks and hazards in chemical use
- Chemical use interpretation
- Assess risks and develop controls
- Plan, develop and implement controls
- Monitor procedures
- Record and evaluate procedures

This training course covers competency units from the Horticulture training package. Pesticide Management in Horticulture complies with EPA requirements for pesticide user's training and is tailored to the needs of local government/horticultural staff. The content draws from the Work Cover Code of Practice "Safe Use of Pesticides including Herbicides in Non-Agricultural Workplaces".

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 does NOT share the agricultural focus that other training products may do and is NOT a Hazardous Substances course. It covers use of horticultural pesticides only.

FACILITATOR:

Lorraine Lenior has 25 years extensive national and international horticultural experience and as a trainer/educator in the fields of wholesale/retail nursery, parks and gardens, arboriculture, bush regeneration, landscape and design; (Adv.Dip. Hort, Cert IV in Assessment & training)

PREREQUISITES:

EITHER AQF3 (Prepare, apply, store, transport chemicals) **OR** underpinning knowledge of pesticides

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE COURSE?

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

NOTE: This course does not cover spraying and handling of pesticides. If persons wish to become accredited to spray and handle pesticides they need to undergo ChemUse (AQF3).

COURSE OUTLINE

This course is for team leaders, supervisors and managers who must develop and implement pesticide chemical risk control procedures and programs.

Units covered:

Accreditation is aligned to the following national competency standards and participants are assessed at AQF level 4, in *partial completion of a Certificate IV in Horticulture (RTF40103)*.

RTC4702A Minimise risks in the use of chemicals

This unit covers the process of developing, implementing and monitoring a risk control strategy in a workplace where chemicals are being handled and used. Elements include:

- Identify the hazards involved in chemical use
- Assess risk and develop control procedures
- Implement and monitor to ensure correct & safe pesticide use (develop procedures)
- Record risk assessments
- Evaluate risk measures

RTC4703A Plan and implement a chemical use program

This unit covers the process of planning and implementing a program for the use of chemicals in a workplace. Elements include:

- Identify chemical use requirements
- Monitor the implementation of safety requirements
- Plan a maintenance program
- Determine suitability of chemical use in control program (IPM)
- Ensure correct selection and application of chemical
- Ensure training
- Supervise clean up following chemical application
- Implement recording systems for chemical storage & use

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is only issued on satisfactory completion of all assessment items, regardless of mode of delivery.

COURSE ENQUIRY

Course enquiries may be directed to the Business Development Team on (02) 49 222 333.

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