

Course Fees and Subsidies (January 2021)

(Please note fees are subject to change – check with our office admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au for verification of the fees applicable to you).

Vet Student Loans – all states

Vet Student Loans are Australian Government loans that help eligible students pay for all or part of their tuition fees for higher-level VET courses (diploma, advanced diploma) undertaken at approved providers. VET Student Loans are available to eligible students in the following courses:

- AHC50116 DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURE
- AHC50416 DIPLOMA OF HORTICULTURE
- AHC51216 DIPLOMA OF COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND FACILITATION
- AHC51419 DIPLOMA OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- 22273VIC DIPLOMA OF AGRONOMY
- AHC60216 ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF HORTICULTURE
- AHC60319 ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Additional information on VET Student loans is available on our website at <http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/vet-student-loans> or by contacting our office or by visiting the government Study Assist website: <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/>

A VET student loan gives rise to a VETSL debt that continues to be a debt due to the Commonwealth until it is repaid. The 2021 VSL loan cap for these courses is \$16,077.

New South Wales

Smart and Skilled funding is available to most people living or working in NSW. You must be aged 15 or older, have left school, live or work in NSW and be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen. The following table gives an estimate of your **student fee** – you can check this for your situation in the Information for students on the [Smart and Skilled](#) website.

AHC40116 Certificate IV in Agriculture and AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture are currently **FEE FREE** for eligible NSW participants. In addition to the above eligibility criteria, a student must also be 17-24 years of age OR unemployed OR at risk of unemployment, contact us for further information.

Funding type	Qualification level – student fees				
	Agriculture (AHC qualification codes)				Other
	*Advanced Diploma	*Diploma	Certificate IV	Certificate III	22273VIC Dip of Agronomy
Targeted priorities (first qualification)	\$4,590	\$4,290	\$2,770	Not applicable	\$4,820
Targeted priorities (later qualification)	\$5,170	\$4,820	\$3,240	Not applicable	\$5,430
Entitlement (first qualification)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Entitlement (later qualification)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Concession fee*	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$240	Not applicable	Not applicable
Exemption*	\$0	\$0	\$0	Not applicable	Not applicable

*Details of eligibility for concession fees and exemptions are available on the [Smart and Skilled](#) website. Advanced Diploma of Horticulture is not subsidised under Smart & Skilled.

Queensland

Subsidies are available for selected courses under the Higher Level Skills program or the Certificate 3 Guarantee program funded by the Queensland government. Eligibility criteria for the following subsidies are available from the [Queensland Skills Gateway](#). Contact our office for more details.

Funding type	Qualification level – subsidies					
	Diploma of Agriculture		Diploma of Agribusiness		Certificate IV in Agribusiness	
	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution
Non-Concessional	\$2,375	\$8,625	\$2,770	\$8,230	\$3,325	\$4,675
Concessional	\$3,088	\$7,912	\$3,601	\$7,399	\$4,038	\$3,962

South Australia

Funding subsidies are available for any of our courses that appear on the SA Training Priority List. As at January 2021, these are:

- AHC40416 Certificate IV in Horticulture
- AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture
- AHC51419 Diploma of Agribusiness Management

Your participant course fee will be calculated and provided to you before your enrolment. Training is supported by the Government of South Australia. Visit www.skills.sa.gov.au for participant eligibility criteria.

All other states/qualifications (full fee-paying)

The following table shows course fees for students who are not eligible for a subsidy (see above).

Agriculture			
Advanced Diploma	Diploma	Certificate IV	Certificate III
\$12,000	\$11,000	\$8,000	\$8,000

Fees generally include enrolment, tuition, course materials, texts and other services related to your training and assessment. Please note that Farm Mapping software is required for the unit AHCAGB505 Develop a whole farm plan – we use Practical Systems (\$396 incl GST & student discount) but please check with us if you have your own mapping software as it may be suitable.

Payment plan options also available.

Recognition of prior learning

Please note there is no difference in costs between doing a unit by training or by RPL (unless specifically required under a current state funding contract held by RuralBiz Training).

Credit Transfers

No fee is charged for credit transfer units.

Further information: Email: admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au or Phone: 02 6884 8812