

Payment Options, Course Fees and Subsidies (January 2024)

Fees include enrolment, tuition, course materials, textbooks and other services related to your training and assessment, but do not include excursions and accommodation costs that may be payable for on-campus students. Please note fees & subsidies are subject to change – check with our office admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au for verification of the fees applicable to you.

Payment Options

Upfront Payment

Individual students can pay up to \$1,500 of their course fee up-front. An employer or organisation can pay up to 100% of a learner's course fee up-front if they are an employee or member of the organisation.

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 and 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
- AHC51422 DIPLOMA OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- AHC60319 ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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 2024 VSL loan cap for these courses is \$18,097. Additional information on VET Student loans is available on our website at <http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/vet-student-loans>, by contacting our office or by visiting the government Study Assist website: <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/>.

Payment plan

The payment plan option consists of establishing a direct debit for payments deducted weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly from your nominated bank account or credit card, across the duration of your enrolment. There is a \$13.64 establishment fee and an administration charge (Amex, Debt Collection: 5.5% or Direct Debit: 4.5%) on all payment plans. The establishment fee is paid in your first instalment and the administration fee becomes part of your scheduled deduction. Payment plans are administered by DebitSuccess – www.debitsuccess.com.au

Recognition of prior learning

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

Credit Transfers

No fee is charged for credit transfer of units.

Fees & Subsidies

New South Wales

Smart and Skilled funding is available to most people living or working in NSW. You must be aged 15 years 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.

NSW FEE FREE qualifications for eligible NSW participants for selected courses.

Qualification	Student Fees /Funding type				
	First qualification	Later qualification	Concession fee	Exemption	NSW Fee Free
AHC40116 Certificate IV in Agriculture	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
AHC40416 Certificate IV in Horticulture	\$2,770	\$3,240	\$240	\$0	-
AHC41019 Certificate IV in Agribusiness	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
AHC50320 Diploma of Production Horticulture	\$4,290	\$4,820	-	-	-
AHC51216 Diploma of Community Coordination and Facilitation	\$12,000	\$12,000	-	-	-
AHC51422 Diploma of Agribusiness Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
AHC51920 Diploma of Applied Agronomy	\$4,820	\$5,430	-	-	-
AHC60319 Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management	\$4,590	\$5,170	-	-	-

Details of eligibility for concession fees and exemptions are available on the [Smart and Skilled](#) website and a copy of the [Smart and Skilled Fee Administration policy](#) is available on the Smart & Skilled Website.

Queensland

Subsidies are available for selected courses under the Higher Level Skills 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.

From 1 Jan 2024

Funding type	Qualification level – subsidies			
	Diploma of Agriculture		Diploma of Agribusiness	
	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution fee	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution fee
Non-Concessional	\$2,610	\$9,390	\$3,040	\$8,960
Concessional	\$3,393	\$8,607	\$3,952	\$8,048

South Australia

Funding subsidies are available for any of our courses that appear on the SA Training Priority List. As of January 2024, these are:

- AHC40116 Certificate IV in Agriculture
- 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 we proceed with your enrolment and will vary depending on your unit selection. Training is supported by the Government of South Australia. Visit www.skills.sa.gov.au for participant eligibility criteria.

Victoria

Participants in Victoria may be able to enrol in selected skillsets for with a participant contribution of \$480. This funding is limited and available to Landcare Professionals and agricultural workers/farmers. This training opportunity is subsidised by the Victorian Government's Agriculture TAFE and Training Fund & supported by Landcare Victoria Inc. These skillsets are usually valued from \$2,000 - \$6,000.

To more information visit our website:

<https://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/announcements/landcare-vic>

All other states/qualifications (full fee-paying)

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

	Advanced Diploma	Diploma	Certificate IV	Certificate III
From 1 Jan 2023	\$13,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$8,000

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