

## Payment Options, Course Fees and Subsidies (March 2025)

Fees cover enrolment, tuition, course materials, textbooks, and other services related to your training and assessment. However, they do not cover excursions or accommodation costs for on-campus students.

Please be aware that fees and subsidies are subject to change. For verification, contact our office at [admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au).

### Recognition of Prior Learning

Please note that there is no cost difference between completing a unit through training or 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.

## Payment Options

### 1. Upfront Payment

- Individual students can pay up to \$1,500 of their course fee up-front.
- Employers or organisations can pay up to 100% of a student's course fee up-front if the student is an employee or member.

### 2. 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. Eligible courses are:

- AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture
- AHC50422 Diploma of Horticulture Management
- AHC51222 Diploma of Community Group 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> or by visiting the government Study Assist website <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/>.

### 3. Payment plan

- Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or quarterly via direct debit from a nominated bank account or credit card throughout your enrolment. Payment plans are administered by DebitSuccess - [www.debitsuccess.com.au](http://www.debitsuccess.com.au)
- *Fees:* \$13.64 establishment fee + administration charge (Amex: 5.5%, Direct Debit: 4.5%). The establishment fee is paid in your first instalment and the administration fee becomes part of your scheduled deduction.

## Fees & Subsidies by Region

### New South Wales

Students who live and work in NSW may be eligible for a course fee subsidy from the NSW Government. NSW Smart and Skilled funding is available for most residents. Eligibility criteria includes: being 15 years or older, having left school, living or working in NSW, and being an Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder, or New Zealand citizen.

Please read the information for NSW Smart and Skilled enrolments in our [Student Handbook](#).

If you are eligible for a course fee subsidy, the following table gives an estimate of your student fee. You can check this on the [NSW Smart and Skilled website](#).

Qualification	Student Fees		
	First qualification	Later qualification	Concession fee
AHC40122 Certificate IV in Agriculture	\$2,770	\$3,240	\$240
AHC40416 Certificate IV in Horticulture	\$2,770	\$3,240	\$240
AHC41024 Certificate IV in Agribusiness	\$2,770	\$3,240	\$240
AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture	\$4,290	\$4,820	-
AHC50320 Diploma of Production Horticulture	\$4,290	\$4,820	-
AHC50422 Diploma of Horticulture Management	\$4,290	\$4,820	-
AHC51222 Diploma of Community Coordination and Facilitation	\$12,000	\$12,000	-
AHC51422 Diploma of Agribusiness Management	\$4,290	\$4,820	-
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, fee exemptions, and a copy of the [Smart and Skilled Fee Administration policy](#) are available on the [Smart and Skilled](#) website.

Training is subsidised by the NSW Government.

## 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](#). Please contact our office for more details.

If you are eligible for a subsidy, the following table gives an estimate of your subsidy and the student co-contribution fee.

Qualification	Non- Concessional		Concessional	
	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution fee	Subsidy	Student Co-contribution fee
AHC40122 Certificate IV in Agriculture	\$2,527	\$5,473	\$3,069	\$4,931
AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture	\$2,710	\$9,290	\$3,523	\$8,477
AHC51422 Diploma of Agribusiness Management	\$3,160	\$8,840	\$4,108	\$7,892

## South Australia

Funding subsidies are available for any of our courses that appear on the SA Training Priority List.

Eligible courses are:

- AHC40122 Certificate IV in Agriculture
- AHC40422 Certificate IV in Horticulture
- AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture
- AHC51422 Diploma of Agribusiness Management

Fees will be calculated based on your unit selection before enrolment. Training is supported by the Government of South Australia under the Department of State Development. Visit [www.skills.sa.gov.au](http://www.skills.sa.gov.au) for more information.

## All Other States - Full fee-paying

The following table shows course fees for students who are not eligible for a subsidy.

Qualification Level	Course Fee
Certificate III	\$8,000
Certificate IV	\$8,000
Diploma	\$12,000
Advanced Diploma	\$13,000

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