

Horticulture & Nursery Project

Help define the skills standards for job roles in production horticulture, nursery production and retail nursery.

If you have experience in any of these areas, you're invited to provide feedback on current work practices, so that they can be captured in industry-led units of competency, skill sets and qualifications.

Why is this project happening?

The skills and knowledge required to work within the production horticulture, nursery production and retail nursery sectors are often transferable. Many of the challenges and opportunities facing these sectors are similar or related. Increased competition from imported produce, market price pressures, and challenging seasonal conditions are all driving industry to adopt new technologies, process and operations.

The work activities of those involved in the production of plants for human food, fibre and decoration are being reviewed to identify similar skills standards. This information will help to update national units of competency and qualifications that support job roles within these sectors. They are being revised to support flexible career paths and to provide an integrated approach to skills needs across the supply chain.

The Agriculture and Production Horticulture Industry Reference Committee is overseeing this project, as part of their responsibility to support engagement with the sector, and to ensure the project meets industry stakeholder needs.

Key dates

September 2019

Draft skill standards available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

December 2019

The redrafted documents will be available for comment and validation.

June 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

** Please check website for updates*

Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for these sectors?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards of the production horticulture, nursery production and retail nursery sectors, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

Visit skillsimpact.com.au to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project manager, Rebecca, on 03 9321 3526.

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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