

**Modification History**

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

AHC305XX	Certificate III in Poultry Production
<p><b>Qualification Description</b></p> <p>This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required to work safely and effectively in a range of skilled roles in the commercial poultry industry, including poultry farm technician, poultry breeding technician, egg grader, hatchery technician and poultry services provider.</p> <p>Individuals in these roles perform poultry and/or egg production tasks under broad direction which involve discretion and judgement in handling, moving, housing, feeding and routine health care. They take responsibility for their own work, carry out assigned tasks, coordinate processes and tasks, work to schedules, operate equipment, solve problems and comply with regulatory requirements. Work environments may include farms and breeding facilities, hatchery facilities and egg grading floors, for a variety of poultry species.</p> <p>The qualification requires specialisation in one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poultry farm technician</li> <li>• Poultry breeding technician</li> <li>• Egg grader</li> <li>• Poultry services provider</li> <li>• Hatchery Technician.</li> </ul> <p>Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to the keeping of and working with poultry, including the handling of fertilised eggs. Food safety regulations and codes also apply that are sold for human consumption. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.</p>	
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p> <p>There are no entry requirements for this qualification.</p>	

### Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 16 units of competency:
  - 4 core units plus
  - 12 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. Electives must be chosen to achieve at least one specialisation listed below.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production* (Poultry farm technician) choose:

- at least 4 units from the electives in Group A, including:
  - AHCPLY3X3 Clean and disinfect poultry production sheds
  - AHCPLY3X5 Maintain health and welfare of poultry
- at least 6 units from the electives listed in Groups A to F (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production* (Poultry breeding technician) choose:

- at least 5 units from the electives in Group B, including:
  - AHCPLY2X1 Collect store and handle eggs from breeder flocks
  - AHCPLY2X6 Catch and load poultry
  - AHCPLY3X5 Maintain health and welfare of poultry
  - AHCLSK313 Monitor livestock production growing environments
- at least 5 units from the electives listed in Groups A to F (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production* (Egg grader) choose:

- the following units from Group C:
  - AHCPLY2X5 Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
  - FBPEGG2004 Operate egg grading and packing floor equipment
  - FBPFYSY2002 Apply food safety procedures
- at least 7 units from the electives listed in Groups A to F (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production* (Poultry services provider) choose:

- at least 5 units from the electives in Group D, including:
  - AHCPLY2X6 Catch and load poultry
  - AHCPLY3X3 Clean and disinfect poultry production sheds
  - AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals
  - AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
- up to 5 units from the electives listed in Groups A to F (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Certificate III in Poultry Production* (Hatchery technician) choose:

- at least 5 units from the electives in Group E, including:
  - AHCPLY2X6 Catch and load poultry
  - AHCPLY3X2 Incubate eggs
  - AHCPLY3X5 Maintain health and welfare of poultry
  - AHCLSK307 Euthanase livestock
- up to 5 units from the electives listed in Groups A to F (not already selected)
- up to 2 units from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Where more than one specialisation is completed, award of the qualification would read (for example), *Certificate III in Poultry Production* (Poultry farm technician and Poultry breeding technician).

At least 7 of the 12 electives selected must be coded at indicative AQF level 3 or above or reflect AQF level 3 outcomes or above.

**Core Units**

AHCLSK331	Comply with industry animal welfare requirements
AHCPLY3X4	Implement and monitor biosecurity measures in poultry production
AHCPLY3X6	Set up sheds for placement of poultry
AHCWHS3X1	Contribute to work health and safety processes

**Elective Units****Group A - Poultry farm technician**

AHCLSK310	Implement feeding plans for intensive production
AHCLSK313	Monitor livestock production growing environments
AHCPLY3X1	Brood poultry
AHCLSK307	Euthanase livestock
AHCPMG308	Implement pest management strategies
AHCPLY3X3	Clean and disinfect poultry production sheds
AHCLSK304	Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock
AHCPLY2X6	Catch and load poultry
AHCPLY3X5	Maintain health and welfare of poultry

**Group B - Poultry breeding technician**

AHCAIS304	Artificially inseminate livestock
AHCPMG308	Implement pest management strategies
AHCPLY2X1	Collect, store and handle eggs from breeder flocks
AHCPLY2X5	Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
AHCPLY2X6	Catch and load poultry
AHCPLY3X2	Brood poultry
AHCPLY3X3	Clean and disinfect poultry production sheds
AHCPLY3X5	Maintain health and welfare of poultry
AHCLSK304	Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock
AHCLSK313	Monitor livestock production growing environments
AHCLSK307	Euthanase livestock

**Group C - Egg grader**

AHCPLY2X4	Collect and pack eggs for human consumption
AHCPLY2X5	Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
FBPEGG2004	Operate egg grading and packing floor equipment
FBPFSY2002	Apply food safety procedures
FBPFSY3002	Participate in a HACCP team

**Group D - Poultry service provider**

AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCCHM308	Use application equipment to apply fumigant in confined spaces
AHCLSK301	Administer medication to livestock
AHCLSK307	Euthanase livestock
AHCPLY2X6	Catch and load poultry
AHCPLY3X3	Clean and disinfect poultry production sheds
AHCPMG412	Develop a pest management plan
AHCPMG409	Implement a pest management plan
BSBWHS431	Develop processes and procedures for controlling hazardous chemicals in the workplace
BSBWHS411	Implement and monitor WHS policies, procedures and programs

**Group E - Hatchery technician**

AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCLSK307	Euthanase livestock
AHCLSK304	Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock
AHCLSK301	Administer medication to livestock
AHCPLY2X6	Catch and load poultry
AHCPLY3X1	Brood poultry
AHCPLY3X2	Incubate eggs
AHCPLY3X5	Maintain health and welfare of poultry
AHCPMG308	Implement pest management strategies

**Group F General**

AHCBIO301	Identify and report signs of unusual disease or pest
AHCLSK309	Implement animal health control programs
AHCLSK323	Maintain and monitor feed stocks
AHCLSK328	Remove and facilitate reuse of effluent and manure from an intensive production system
AHCMOM301	Coordinate machinery and equipment maintenance and repair
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCWRK3X6	Comply with industry quality assurance requirements
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
AHCWRK310	Provide on-job training support
AHCMOM305	Operate specialised machinery and equipment
AHCMOM3X18	Operate a telehandler
BSBLDR411	Lead team effectiveness
BSBXC301	Engage in workplace communication
FBPFSY3002	Participate in a HACCP team
TAEDEL301	Provide work skill instruction

**Qualification Mapping Information**

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC305XX Certificate III in Poultry Production	AHC30516 Certificate III in Poultry Production	Changes to packaging rules, core and elective units Specialisations added	Not equivalent

**Links**

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