

# Advanced Skills in Apiculture Project 18-06



## Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions

19 January 2018

Consultation with stakeholders during November - December 2017 has led to the development of the following new components.

### Skill Sets

1. AHCSSXXXXX Pollination services skill set
2. AHCSSXXXXX Queen bee breeding skill set
3. AHCSSXXXXX Raise Australian native stingless bees skill set (\*)

### Units

1. AHCNRM3XXX Establish an Australian native bee hive (\*)
2. AHCBEK3XXX Process raw wax into moulds

(\* This will be part of the Natural Resources Management sector of the *AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package*)

The draft skill sets and units of competency were available for broader stakeholder consultation and feedback from 25 January to 8 February 2018. Five feedback responses were received during the feedback period for these specific first draft skill sets and units of competency representing the following stakeholders.

Industry Sector	States Represented	Total Number
Industry Association (Ind Assoc)	NSW	1
Registered Training Organisation (RTO)	NSW	2
Government Agency (Govt)	NSW	1
Curriculum Maintenance Manager – Primary Industries (CMM)	Vic	1
Total		5

Below is a summary of the issues raised and how these issues have been dealt with. This involves a consideration of the information provided, views of industry stakeholders where known, and views provided by the people who are part of the Subject Matter Expert Working Group process. Resolutions are constructed to take into account the needs and views of stakeholders to the extent possible, and to comply with the *Standards for Training Package 2012*. The resolutions may represent a compromise on one or more stakeholder views with the aim of a workable outcome for industry, government agencies and training providers.

### Skill Sets

Stakeholder sector	Comments and Identified Issues	Consideration and Proposed Resolution
<b>AHCSSXXXXX Pollination services skill set</b>		
1. Govt NSW	<p>The stakeholder stated that all the units in the proposed skill set are appropriate to a beekeeping business hoping to provide pollination services, but does not agree there is a need for a specific pollination services skill set.</p> <p>The stakeholder suggested the four units in the skills set should be included a part of a Certificate IV in Beekeeping for which there is industry demand.</p> <p>The stakeholder also suggested minor changes to the wording for the Statement of Attainment</p>	<p>The skill set was proposed by Skills Impact and supported by industry based subject matter experts as an option for existing beekeepers seeking to expand their skills beyond Certificate III in Beekeeping, especially in the absence of a Certificate IV. While some RTO's may choose to deliver individual advanced beekeeping units, the availability of an industry recognised skills set is a valid option for existing beekeepers wanting to develop advanced skills.</p> <p>The request to develop a Certificate IV in Beekeeping is beyond the scope of this project. Feedback from a major industry association suggests more research is required to demonstrate valid job outcomes associated with a Certificate IV. Skills Impact will register the request to develop a Certificate IV as an issue for a possible future project.</p> <p>The wording for the Statement of Attainment has been changed to reflect the stakeholder feedback.</p>
<b>AHCSSXXXXX Queen bee breeding skill set</b>		
	No feedback was received on this skill set	
<b>AHCSSXXXXX Australian native stingless bees skill set</b> (This will be part of the Natural Resources Management sector)		
	No feedback or editing advice received	No further action taken

## Units of Competency

Stakeholder sector	Comments and Identified Issues	Consideration and Proposed Resolution
<b>AHCNRM3XXX Establish an Australian native bee hive</b> (This will be part of the Natural Resources Management sector)		
2. Industry NSW, RTO NSW (2), Govt NSW	<p>Industry NSW General feedback of support for the unit.</p> <p>CMM VIC provided minor editing changes for the Application and Performance Criteria 1.1</p> <p>RTOs NSW provided feedback for improvements to the Performance Criteria, Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions</p> <p>Govt NSW provided general feedback in support of the new unit.</p>	Revisions have been made to the Application, Performance Criteria, Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions
<b>AHCBEK3XXX Process raw wax into moulds</b>		
3. Industry NSW, CMM VIC	<p>Industry NSW provided general feedback of support for the unit.</p> <p>CMM VIC provided feedback to add biosecurity in the Application statement and to remove duplication wording in Performance Criteria 2.1 and the Performance Evidence</p>	<p>Revisions have been made to the Performance Criteria, Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence.</p> <p>It was considered that biosecurity was better specified in the Performance Criteria as well as in the Knowledge Evidence.</p>