

# Diploma of Viticulture project



## Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions

15/07/2019

This project includes the review of Diploma of Viticulture qualification and approximately 11 units of competency within the *AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package*. Draft materials were developed as a result of initial input from Subject Matter Experts and were made available for broader stakeholder consultation and feedback between August 2018 to March 2019. During this time feedback was received via email, through online surveys, as well as in person at workshops or site visits, and by telephone. Input was received from 75 stakeholders around Australia, including 15 from Registered Training Organisations, 8 from Government bodies such as State Health Departments and State Training Authorities, 2 from national apprenticeship services, with the rest comprising of industry representatives. Some stakeholders represent more than one of these sectors

As a direct result of feedback received, a number of changes were made to the documents under review. Mostly notably:

- The changes to units to make them more viticulture specific
- Changes to the core of the qualification to better reflect viticulturalists job tasks
- Not deleting the AHCBER501 and AHCBER502 units due to their pending use in other qualifications.

[Visit the Skills Impact website](#) to view a full list of the documents that were submitted for consultation during this phase.

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, State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs) and training providers.

## Summary of feedback on qualifications

### AHC51519 Diploma of Viticulture

The new Diploma of Viticulture was warmly received by the validation group and has been validated by 7 key industry representatives

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
<b>Diploma of Viticulture</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry/Association Victoria</li> </ul>	A soils unit should be in the core and the machinery unit removed	Feedback adopted. The validation group agreed with this and the recommendation finalised
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry/Association NSW</li> </ul>	Some core units need to mention 'beneficials' (flora and fauna that benefit the growth of grape vines)	Feedback adopted. Soils unit and water unit in the core of qualification updated to include beneficials.
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RTO/ Industry WA</li> </ul>	Core units require more 'identifying and monitoring' content, particularly for biosecurity purposes	Feedback adopted. All core units updated to include 'identifying and monitoring' factors, to the validation group's satisfaction.
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Association SA, Industry/Association NSW</li> </ul>	Core unit's need to cover off managing contractors, not just staff	Feedback adopted. Language in qualification and reviewed units changed to make sure that they cater for managing staff and contractors
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Association x3 SA</li> <li>Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>RTO x1 WA</li> <li>RTO x1 SA</li> <li>Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	Overall the qualification is a great improvement on what existed previously and will better equip graduates with the skills and knowledge to become viticulturalists	Feedback was appreciated and taken to the state and national accreditation bodies, who respected the breadth and quality of the consultation.

## Summary of feedback on units of competency

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<b>AHCBA509 Plan and manage long-term weed, pest and disease control in crops</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification and monitoring references must be added into this unit above all else</li> <li>• Unit must mention 'beneficials'.</li> <li>• End product well considered and balance</li> </ul>	Feedback adopted. New unit mentions 'identification and monitoring' in approved places, and 'beneficials' in the elements, and assessment criteria. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.
<b>AHCORG507 Develop an organic or biodynamic management plan</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> </ul>	All validators were satisfied with this unit and endorsed it to become the new national recognised standard	Feedback adopted. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and the unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>		
<b>AHCORG508 Prepare the enterprise for organic or biodynamic certification</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Association x3 SA</li> <li>Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>RTO x1 WA</li> <li>RTO x1 SA</li> <li>Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	All validators were satisfied with this unit and endorsed it to become the new national recognised standard	Feedback adopted. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and the unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.
<b>AHCPHT507 Evaluate grapes for production</b>		
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<b>AHCPHT508 Develop a grape production plan</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Association x3 SA</li> </ul>	All validators were satisfied with this unit and endorsed it to become the new national recognised standard	Feedback adopted. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and the unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validation this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.

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<b>AHCPHT509 Evaluate wine</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	All validators were satisfied with this unit and endorsed it to become the new national recognised standard	Feedback adopted. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and the unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.
<b>AHCPHT510 Manage a wine making process</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	All validators were satisfied with this unit and endorsed it to become the new national recognised standard	Feedback adopted. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and the unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.
<b>AHCSOL505 Monitor and manage soils for production</b>		

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<b>AHCWAT503 Manage water systems</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil moisture content needs to be included</li> <li>• Frost protection procedures need to be included</li> <li>• Assess the need for water input at critical growth stages needs to be included</li> </ul>	Feedback adopted. New elements added to address all the raised concerns, with corresponding Knowledge Evidence and Performance Evidence. The validation group approved these changes. The unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.
<b>AHCWRK512 Plan, implement and review a quality assurance program</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	All validators were satisfied with this unit and endorsed it to become the new national recognised standard	Feedback adopted. This feedback was passed on to the state and national training bodies and the unit has now been endorsed as national training. All participants validated this unit and were happy with the changes made. The state and national training authorities were content with the amount and quality of feedback received.

## Summary of feedback on components proposed for deletion

During the consultation process, a series of units were proposed for deletion. These units were flagged as *AHCBER501 Manage active operational emergency disease or plant pest sites* and *AHCBER502 Manage the implementation of an emergency disease or plant pest control program*.

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<b>General feedback about the units proposed for deletion</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	AHCBER501 and AHCBER502 units should not be deleted	Skills Impact has removed these from the list of units proposed for deletion.
<b>AHCBER501 Manage active operational emergency disease or plant pest sites</b>		
Validation forum 02/02/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association x3 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 VIC</li> <li>• RTO x1 WA</li> <li>• RTO x1 SA</li> <li>• Industry x1 NSW</li> </ul>	This unit should remain in the qualification as it's content, although underutilised, could be of vital importance to people in viticulture.	Skills Impact has removed this from the list of units proposed for deletion. It remains an elective in the Diploma of Viticulture

**Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues**

**Consideration and Proposed Resolution**

**AHCBER502 Manage the implementation of an emergency disease or plant pest control program**

<p>Validation forum 02/02/2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Association x3 SA</li><li>• Industry x1 VIC</li><li>• RTO x1 WA</li><li>• RTO x1 SA</li><li>• Industry x1 NSW</li></ul>	<p>This unit's content is too important to have it deleted, however due to extremely low enrolment numbers, it should be removed from the qualification</p>	<p>This unit remains on the VET register, however is no longer in the Diploma of Viticulture qualification. Skills Impact has removed this from the list of units proposed for deletion.</p>
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