

Real skills for a rural future

Many of the qualifications in the Rural Production Training Package are now available as Australian Apprenticeships, including most of the Wool Industry certificates.

Australian Apprentices complete the certificates as they develop their skills in the workplace under the supervision of an employer and undertake their knowledge development through appropriate delivery methods from a Registered Training Provider (such as TAFE or private training provider). The training provider assesses the trainee and awards the certificates on successful completion.

Generally, Australian Apprentices commence at Certificate II and then go on to Certificate III or above. Certificate III is generally viewed as the 'trade level' qualification with many sectors now encouraging studies at the diploma and higher. Employers of Australian Apprentices may be eligible for incentives from the Australian Government.

Australian Apprentices are paid a wage by the employer during their training, and where eligible, a living away from home allowance may be paid by the Australian Government.

Australian Apprenticeships are not just for young people. Anyone of working age can be employed as an Australian Apprentice. You don't need to be unemployed. Existing employees may be eligible under some circumstances. Check with an Australian Apprenticeships Centre for eligibility and the incentive amounts.

Australian Apprenticeships offer a real advantage by providing a nationally recognised qualification and relevant industry skills. From wool handler to wool classer or novice to professional shearer.



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Australian Apprenticeships referral line: **13 38 73**
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Shearers Shed Hands and Wool Classers



Take advantage of Australian Apprenticeships to gain the following qualifications

- Certificate II in Wool Handling
- Certificate III in Wool Clip Preparation
- Certificate III in Advanced Wool Handling
- Certificate IV in Wool Classing
- Certificate II in Shearing
- Certificate III in Shearing
- Certificate IV in Shearing
- Certificate II in Crutching

(Availability and funding eligibility varies from state to state)



Australian Apprentices in Wool Harvesting

- Paid employment whilst training
- Develop skills in the workplace under the supervision of an employer
- Develop knowledge through a range of delivery methods from a Registered Training Provider (such as TAFE or private training provider)
- Part-time options
- Nationally recognised qualifications

Employers of Australian Apprentices in Wool Harvesting

- Access Australian Government employer incentives, funded training and training wage rates
- Expand the skills of your workforce
- Improve productivity and bottom line
- Customise a training program to meet the specific needs of your business

Wool Harvesting career pathways



Shed Hand or Roustabout
Certificates II and III in Wool Handling and Certificate III in Wool Clip Preparation



Shearer
Certificates II, III and IV in Shearing



Wool Classer
Certificate IV in Wool Classing



Getting started...the pathway to a Wool Harvesting Australian Apprenticeship

1

Once you have decided to take on a new or an existing employee (conditions apply) as an Australian Apprentice, contact an Australian Apprenticeships Centre (AAC) to check eligibility and arrange sign up; Australian Apprenticeships referral line 13 38 73.

2

Discuss Registered Training Provider (RTO) options with AAC and nominate your preferred provider. In most States RTOs charge the trainee a tuition fee.

3

Your AAC will forward the Registration forms to the State Training Authority, who will in turn register the agreement, issue a registration number and advise your nominated RTO to draw up a Training Plan with you.

4

Your AAC organises any payment due under the Australian Government Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.

5

In consultation with the employer the RTO delivers the training, with the employer developing the skills of the Australian Apprentice.

The RTO completes the assessments and issues the certificate to successful competent Australian Apprentices

6

AAC forwards claim form to employer for any eligible completion incentives (does not apply to Certificate II and there are strict timelines for return of all forms).

Decide whether to offer graduating Australian Apprentice further training and advise AAC to complete relevant forms.