

AgSkilled

Industry-led training for the
cotton and grains industries

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AgSkilled can

- help you create a cottons and grains workforce capable of meeting current and future challenges, and
- increase your staff skill levels and attract newcomers with industry-aligned training

Industry-led and NSW Government-funded, AgSkilled can deliver flexible training from single units up to Advanced Diploma qualifications.

How does it work?

AgSkilled is an industry-led training strategy administered under the NSW Government's Smart and Skilled program and includes:

- nationally recognised full qualifications from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma level
- fee-free part-qualifications training (such as short courses that target identified skills gaps).

Current, relevant and flexible, the training is tailored and delivered to suit your business needs, and can be designed to suit learners with a range of skills and experience. It covers areas as diverse as:

- Soils and nutrition
- Business management
- Emerging technologies
- Workplace health and safety
- Precision agriculture
- Leadership and management
- Farm machinery operation and maintenance



What is AgSkilled?

AgSkilled is a direct partnership between Cotton Australia, the Grain Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and the NSW Government, which is investing \$14.7 million over three years. AgSkilled aims to upskill and better prepare the workforce for fast-moving change driven by industry innovation, research and technology through vocational education and training (VET).

- **Safer farming practices**
- **More efficient production techniques**
- **Better business and technology knowledge**

Are you eligible?

AgSkilled training is available if you have a genuine interest in NSW's cotton or grains industries, such as being a producer, farm staff, contractor, industry professional or just starting out.

You can access AgSkilled funded training if you meet the Smart and Skilled eligibility requirements (smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/are-you-eligible).

For producers

AgSkilled allows you to build the productivity of your business by upskilling existing workers and providing new industry entrants with training in the skills you need, now and into the future.

For jobseekers and current industry employees

Get the skills employers want with relevant and up-to-date AgSkilled training to increase your career and employment prospects, both now and into the future.

Who can deliver the training?

AgSkilled is only offered by training providers who are already approved to deliver Smart and Skilled-funded training by the NSW Government. AgSkilled providers have undergone an additional due diligence process that examines their linkages to industry and willingness to work to contextualise and develop training that meets the genuine needs of the cotton and grains industries.





Smart and Skilled

Smart and Skilled is a NSW Government program, administered by Training Services NSW in the NSW Department of Industry, which subsidises the training costs of courses on the NSW Skills List. The NSW Skills List includes a wide range of nationally recognised qualifications to support the skills needs of NSW employers. It covers full VET qualifications from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma level, as well as part qualifications.

There are over 450 training providers approved to deliver Smart and Skilled training across NSW. These include TAFE NSW, private providers and adult and community education colleges.

Under Smart and Skilled:

- student fees for full qualification training reflect only a portion of the training cost. The NSW Government subsidises an average of 55–90 per cent of the cost of each course. (Actual student fees vary across industries and by qualification level and individual student characteristics.)
- all part-qualifications training is fully government-subsidised (i.e. fee-free).

Go to the Smart and Skilled website at www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

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