

Skills Assessment

The Australian Dairy industry through its education partners has mapped the skills and knowledge required for each of the farm career pathway roles to qualifications from the Australian Qualifications Framework.

The identified farm roles and related qualifications are:

- Assistant Farm Hand – Certificate II in Agriculture
- Farm Hand – Certificate III in Agriculture (Dairy Production)
- Senior Farm Hand – Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Dairy Farm Production Manager – Diploma of Agriculture
- Dairy Farm Business Manager – Advanced Diploma of Agriculture

Skills recognition is available through accredited training providers offering Agriculture qualifications. This process, called skills recognition, offers individuals the opportunity to have the skills and knowledge they have attained through work recognised and credited into a full or partial qualification.

The process involves mapping demonstrable skills, knowledge and experience against the various units of competency that make up the qualifications.

There are a variety of methods for achieving this.

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If the candidate is new to Australia, the outcome of assessment will depend on their ability to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have developed before coming to Australia, as well their knowledge of Australian and State legislative requirements.

Find registered training providers - visit www.myskills.gov.au/registeredtrainers/search for more information.

Read more about the dairy qualifications listed above at <http://bit.ly/dairyeducation>

Western Australia

The Great Southern Institute of Technology coordinates the skills recognition process in Western Australia. The cost for RPL is capped at \$800 for Certificates 1-4 and for Diplomas at \$1,000. The attached link provides further information about the RPL process in Western Australia – for more information, visit [www.gsit.wa.edu.au/apply/recognition6of6prior6learning6\(rpl\)](http://www.gsit.wa.edu.au/apply/recognition6of6prior6learning6(rpl))

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New South Wales

The North Coast Institute of TAFE in northern NSW, conducts Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for the farming industry in New South Wales.

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For further information about the process, visit <http://www.northcoasttafe.edu.au/get-started/recognition-of-prior-learning.aspx>

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