

Rear Queen Bees Course Overview (AHCBEK409)

Course Overview	<p>This nationally recognised program provides the skills and knowledge required to rear queen bees and queen cells through the manipulation of hives.</p> <p>The program covers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ obtaining queen bee breeding stock according to breeding program ▪ assessing safety hazards, risks and implementing controls ▪ obtaining tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) required for breeding manipulations and ensuring serviceable for use ▪ conducting all bee manipulations and activity according to biosecurity and quarantine protocols ▪ ensuring hives used for queen rearing are clean and healthy ▪ preparing queens using desired method and assessed, selected and grafted larvae into queen cells according to workplace procedures ▪ assessing and maintaining nurse bee population to support developing queens ▪ monitoring and maintaining hive nutrition and health ▪ transferring ripe queen cells into nucleus ▪ monitoring the queen mating process and providing drones according to workplace procedures ▪ maintaining records according to workplace and industry procedures ▪ selecting queen bee cage type and packaging ensuring adequate food and escort bees for transport ▪ preparing package for transport according to transport company requirements.
Who is the course for?	This course is specifically for experienced beekeepers wanting to develop and manage their own breeding program to enhance the efficiency of their apiary operations.
National Units of Competency – Course Outcomes	AHCBEK409 – Rear queen bees
Pre-requisites	There are no prerequisites for this qualification however experience in beekeeping is highly recommended.

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Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioning – Verbal • Questioning – Written • Direct Observation of skills during field activities • Simulated exercises • Projects (completing plans and recording practical application) <p>* Reasonable Adjustment & Student Support</p> <p>Training and Assessment methods will be adjusted to suit individual needs of the learner where possible, without effecting requirements of the assessment.</p> <p>Where language, literacy and numeracy are identified as a need for an individual, referral and/or support services may be provided.</p>			
Duration	<p>The course in run over 2.5 days and includes theory and practical field work.</p> <p>There is a requirement to successfully rear a queen, package and have transported during post course activities to complete the assessment requirements.</p>			
Location	<p>The course is delivered from Ashton and across several apiary sites in the Adelaide Hills.</p>			
Class Size	Min	6	Max	12
Course Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom-based delivery • Writing • Reading • Mathematical calculations • Interpretation of written instructions • Interpretation of visual aids (i.e. signs, clocks) • Completing apiary written records • Negotiating and communicating to provide pollination services • Working in the field, in heat, on uneven ground and in remote locations and with limited amenities • Working with live bees <p>Your safety is a joint responsibility; we strive also to provide appropriate support to students to achieve successful learning outcomes.</p> <p>The requirements for course involvement outlined above will be discussed as part of your enrolment.</p>			
Personal Protective	<p>All students undertaking this course are required to provide their own clean and sanitized PPE and personal hive tools (specifically when undertaking field work in the apiary) including;</p>			

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Equipment (PPE) & Tools Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel capped safety boots • Bee suit and associated PPE • Broad brim hat and sunscreen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hive tool • Smoker
Course Materials	All course learning and assessment materials (learner guides, assessment workbooks) required by students are provided as part of the course costs.	
Course Fees	<p>The full cost of the course is \$650.</p> <p>There is an enrolment fee of \$132 (incl GST) payable to secure a course spot and non-refundable.</p> <p>The cost of tuition is \$518 (GST free) paid on enrolment.</p> <p>*Further details about our fees and refund policy is available on our course website.</p>	