HSC COURSE DESCRIPTION 2012 – PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

This course will be updated by the BOS in 2011. This may result in changes to the course structure for 2012.

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<th>Board Developed Course</th>
<th>A total of 4 units of credit - Preliminary and/or HSC Category B status for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)</th>
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<td>Minimum mandatory work placement – 70hrs</td>
<td>This curriculum framework includes courses which are accredited for the HSC and provides students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications. This is known as dual accreditation.</td>
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Course Description

This course is for students who wish to develop knowledge and skills to commence a career and be an effective employee in the primary industry.

Course Structure

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<th>COMPULSORY UNITS</th>
<th>ELECTIVE UNITS</th>
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<td>RTC2209A Install, maintain and repair fencing</td>
<td>RTC2307A Operate machinery and equipment</td>
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<td>RTC2401A Treat weeds</td>
<td>RTC2309A Operate tractors</td>
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<td>RTC2701A Follow OHS procedures</td>
<td>RTE3133A Prepare livestock for competition</td>
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<td>RTC2702A Observe environmental work practices</td>
<td>RTE2118A Handle livestock using basic techniques</td>
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<td>RTC2704A Provide basic first aid</td>
<td>RTC2026A Undertake propagation activities</td>
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<td>RTC2705A Work effectively in the industry</td>
<td>RTF2504A Determine basic properties of soils/growing media</td>
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<td>RTC2706A Apply chemicals under supervision</td>
<td>RTE2115A Muster and move livestock</td>
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<td>RTC2801A Participate in workplace communications</td>
<td>RTE2201A Carry out basic electric fencing operations</td>
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<td>RTE2503A Observe and report on weather</td>
<td>RTE2128A Provide feed for livestock</td>
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<td>RTC2210A Maintain properties and structures</td>
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Assessment and Course Completion

Competency-based Assessment

Students in this course work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate that they can effectively carry out tasks to industry standard. Students will be progressively assessed as ‘competent’ or ‘not yet competent’ in individual units of competency.

Optional HSC examination

Students completing this course are eligible to sit an optional, written HSC examination. The purpose of the examination is to provide a mark which may be used in the calculation of the ATAR. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility to receive an AQF VET qualification.

N Determinations

Where a student has not met Board of Studies course completion criteria, including meeting work placement requirements – 35hrs (Prelim) / 35hrs (HSC), they will receive an ‘N’ determination (course not satisfactorily completed). The course will then not count towards the HSC although units of competency achieved will still count towards AQF VET qualification.

Appeals

Students may lodge appeals against assessment decisions or ‘N’ determinations through their school or college.
Pathways to Industry
Skills gained in this industry transfer to other occupations. Working in the retail industry involves:
- customer service
- stock control
- teamwork
- designing and creating displays
- using cash registers, scanners, computers, telephones

Examples of occupations students can aim for in the retail industry:
- buyer
- customer service assistant
- merchandiser
- sales person
- stock controller
- visual merchandiser

Course costs: $0 (Preliminary) and $0 (HSC)

Course requirements: A workbook and an A4 loose leaf folder

AQF VET Qualification(s)
Depending on the selection and achievement of units of competency, the possible qualification outcomes are:
- Certificate I in Retail Services (SIR10107)
- Certificate II in Retail (SIR20207)

Statements of Attainment in partial completion of these Certificates may also be available.

Your teacher or VET Coordinator will advise the competencies and qualifications that may be available.

For more information on possible outcomes please visit the NSW Board of Studies website: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/industry-curriculum-frameworks.html

A school-based traineeship is available in this course, for more information: http://www.sbatinnsw.info/

Exclusions: Nil