

AgSkilled 3.0

Program Brochure

What is AgSkilled 3.0?

AgSkilled 3.0 is a \$5 million industry-led training strategy by the NSW Government to upskill and better prepare the agricultural workforce for fast-moving change driven by industry innovation, research and technology through vocational education and training (VET), across the agricultural plant-growing and livestock industry sectors.



Funded until 30 June 2024, AgSkilled 3.0 aims to:

- Attract, develop and retain a productive agricultural workforce
- Support career progression, entry pathways and employment outcomes in agriculture
- Increase agricultural farm efficiency, productivity and profitability
- Develop industry capacity to adopt new technologies and sustainable farming practices
- Leverage research and development to ensure training is relevant, current and meets industry needs.

AgSkilled 3.0 is being delivered by Training Services NSW (TSNSW) in partnership with industry associations representing the agricultural plant-growing and livestock industry sectors, and also in consultation with the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Agriculture, Food and Animal Management Industry Training Advisory Body (ITAB).

The training comprises industry identified, tailored courses, delivered across four (4) key training pillars: Production, Technology, Business and Safety.

Who can access AgSkilled 3.0 training?

You must be **Smart and Skilled eligible**, which requires you to be:

- 15 years old or over
- no longer at school
- living or working in NSW
- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen.

Currently working or seeking to work on-farm in the agricultural plant-growing and livestock industry sectors, or an employer in those industry sectors.





What are the benefits of AgSkilled 3.0 training?

For producers and employers, AgSkilled 3.0 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, both currently and into the future.

For existing industry employees and job seekers, AgSkilled 3.0 will help you gain the skills employers want with industry relevant and up-to-date training to improve your career and employment prospects, now and into the future.

A practical example of AgSkilled 3.0 can be seen in the Precision Agronomy course which built capacity among primary producers to understand and adopt precision agronomy technologies, resulting in a range of economic, environmental, health and safety benefits including reduced input costs, application automation, increased farm yields and improved soil health.



Where is AgSkilled 3.0 training available?

Farming operations in the agricultural plant-growing and livestock industry sectors located across NSW can access AgSkilled 3.0 training.

Where can I find more information on AgSkilled 3.0?

For further information on AgSkilled 3.0, please visit/contact:

- the **AgSkilled 3.0 webpage** on nsw.gov.au
- **AgSkilled 3.0 website**
- via email TSNSWAgSkilled@det.nsw.edu.au
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