

Are You Ready for ChemCert Training and Assessment?

ChemCert is aware that clients require options when learning and being assessed. We offer:

- **face- to-face teaching and assessment,**
- **self paced learning** with the resources being provided prior to assessment to enable clients to learn at their own pace, and
- **workplace learning and assessment,** a flexible arrangement negotiated with your preferred Trainer/ Assessor to allow delivery of training content and assessment to occur in the work environment.

To be assessed as competent to receive ChemCert Accreditation you must obtain the three Level III Units of Competency—RTC3704A; RTC3705A and RTC3401A.

If a client does not fully meet the required performance standards then the client may be assessed at a lower level until the client obtains the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the Level III requirements. In this situation they may be eligible for a Statement of Attainment for the level achieved (e.g. RTC2706A-Apply Chemicals Under Supervision).

ChemCert Specialist Courses

Farmsafe Queensland Training is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Specialist courses include Occupational Risk Management and Pesticide Application in Sugarcane; in Nursery & Amenity Horticulture; in Tree Crops; and in Cotton & Grain.

ChemCert & ACDC

A Commercial Operators Licence is required under the Agricultural Chemical Distribution and Control Act (ACDC) by persons who apply herbicides from ground equipment onto commercial land, public land and some agricultural land. There are a number of situations and legal obligations under the ACT where a licence is required.

Operators, who apply herbicides in Declared Hazardous Area Zones, established by QDPI&F, require a Commercial Operators Licence. Please consult with the local QDPI&F office regarding your obligations.

Successful completion of a ChemCert accredited course includes the units of competency necessary to enable an AgVet chemical user to apply to QDPI&F for a Commercial Operators Licence (ACDC).

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Introducing ChemCert Training Queensland

ChemCert Training Queensland is a wholly owned subsidiary of Farmsafe Queensland Limited.

ChemCert offers a comprehensive range of Agricultural and Veterinary chemical training to rural industry, local utilities and other commercial users.

ChemCert Accreditation

- is recognised as the national industry standard for safe registered pesticide use;
- ensures users of pesticides are competent;
- is supported by government, industry and the community;
- enables users to meet regulatory requirements for access to registered pesticides and to comply with registered pesticide use legislation, as well as meet obligations under industry quality assurance programs;
- allows primary producers to obtain the skills and knowledge to meet food safety standards for both National and International markets;
- is based on the endorsed national competencies and on accredited training and assessment.
- is delivered by Trainer/Assessors who have met the rigorous requirements of ChemCert and the AQTR under their RTO; and.
- ChemCert accreditation is valid for 5 years.

What levels of competency does ChemCert offer?

Clients with minimal chemical skills and knowledge start at:

- Level 1—work under direct supervision
- Level 2—work under routine supervision with routine checking.

ChemCert Accreditation starts at Level III

- Level 3—Operator: performs routine tasks without supervision
- Level 4—Supervisor level
- Level 5— Manager level



Participants perfecting skill of correctly fitting a respirator

- ChemCert Operator Accreditation will only be awarded to those participants who have successfully demonstrated competence in at least these Level III units -
RTC3704A—Prepare and Apply Chemicals,
RTC3705A—Transport Handle and Store Chemicals
RTC3401A— Control Weeds.
- To be assessed as competent a client must also obtain 100% in both Label Interpretation and Equipment Calibration.
- Other related elements of competency, from the National Training Packages, are also available if required.

Options for obtaining ChemCert

1. For those clients with some prior knowledge of Ag/ Vet chemical use, attend a full training and assessment course (2 days); **or**
2. Apply for reaccreditation by attending a refresher training and assessment course. This is appropriate for those who can demonstrate significant prior knowledge or evidence, for example ChemCert or other evidence of competency; **or**
3. Apply for reaccreditation by RPL (recognition of prior learning, skills and/or competency). This would include completing written assessments, providing evidence of skills and knowledge, including photographic evidence, testimonials and evidence of current practices, such as chemical registers, spraying records, PPE and plant maintenance, etc; **or**
4. Apply for reaccreditation by assessment only. For example, a workplace assessment which may include assessing the candidates chemical application and safety practices, including an audit of equipment and application records by the assessor. This assessment would include written and verbal assessment of the candidates skills and knowledge in a face-to-face assessment situation.

Students, Trainees or those clients with minimal prior knowledge of AgVet chemical usage may require considerably more time to achieve ChemCert. Training and assessment may be conducted over several weeks or months.

Please discuss these options and any learning support/ literacy and numeracy needs with your preferred ChemCert Trainer/Assessor prior to any planned sessions of formal training and/or assessment.