

Member Update

Title: Sample and test grain and related commodities - AHCBA309A

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Issue

The National Skills Standards Council (NSSC) has officially endorsed a nationally accredited competency standard for the sampling and testing of grain and related commodities.

The unit was finally endorsed on Thursday 15 August 2013 and is now available via <http://training.gov.au> for all of industry to access.

Background

In 2005/2006 GTA, in conjunction with NSW TAFE, developed various competency standards that related to the sampling and testing of grain on arrival at a delivery point; be that a silo complex or a feed mill.

The competency standards developed were:

- NSW TGRA301ACID Odoc - Operate a commodity receival process
- NSW TGRA202ACID Odoc - Sample and test grain and related products

The above standards were forwarded to AgriFood Skills Australia for consideration as the national competency standards. AgriFood Skills Australia subsequently modified the above competency standards and released AHCBA304A – Test grains/seeds on receival.

Following representations from members regarding the inadequacy of AHCBA304A – Test grains/seeds on receival for their training needs, GTA reconvened a specialist committee to compare the original competency standards developed by industry against those released by AgriFood Skills Australia.

The results of this mapping exercise identified a number of major points of difference which the industry believe needed to be addressed.

These differences along with the needs of an ever changing industry environment, are reflected in the draft competency standard titled “**Sample & test grain and related commodities**”. The addition of “related commodities” is important as many grain industry participants, such as feed mills, receive various meals, etc into the complexes which also undergo similar receival, sampling and testing regimes as grain.

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