



Why Work as a... General Farm Worker

A solution for your training needs and career progression

ROLE OVERVIEW

The occupation supports the operation of farm enterprises through maintaining a culture of health and safety, biosecurity, engaging with third parties, maintaining crop, animal handling and health, maintenance and cleanliness of machinery. The General Farm Worker will typically be required to drive farm vehicles and must hold the appropriate license. The individual will work alongside the supervisor, supporting daily operations for the farm enterprise.

KEY POINTS

- **Level:** 2
- **Duration:** 18 months + End Point Assessment
- **Pathways:** Crop Worker and Livestock Worker
- **Entry requirements:** You may be required to undertake training in maths and English. See [HERE](#) for more information
- **Careers progression:** Livestock Unit Technician, Vet Technician Livestock

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- The importance of biosecurity and how it is managed
- How to prepare and operate agricultural vehicles and attachments in accordance with relevant legislation. For example, tractor, quad bike, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), Forklift
- The significance of producing crops to specifications and how this can be achieved
- The importance of reducing waste, waste legislation and how this can be implemented in the workplace
- The manual and electronic records that need to be completed and the importance of doing them
- Different customer requirements for product quality

SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Identify hazards and risks in the workplace, prepare risk assessments and demonstrate high level of health and safety awareness at all times
- Assist with safe restraint, moving and handling of livestock
- Assist with post-harvest activities to meet crop and forage specifications, in a safe and environmentally acceptable way
- Assist with the preparation of the ground, including identification of soil condition through soil sampling and preparing crop for planting
- Monitor and maintain health & welfare of livestock

BEHAVIOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Acts responsibly to provide a high standard of welfare and biosecurity to livestock and crops under their care
- Have a team-based approach to work
- Is customer focused
- Proactively undertakes continuous professional development
- Able to adapt to change in conditions, technologies, situations and working environments
- A clear and effective communicator
- Able to give and receive information timely and accurately

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