

# LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR

## ARBORIST EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

*Once you have completed your training as a qualified landscape contractor you may like to explore the opportunity to specialise in a particular area of irrigation, landscape maintenance or landscape design. You could consider further study in any of these qualifications*

### **AHC21621 - Certificate II in Landscaping**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for supporting job roles in the landscape industry including landscape labourer. Individuals with this qualification carry out routine tasks under supervision where the work is predictable and structured with limited judgement requirements.

### **AHC30921 - Certificate III in Landscape Construction**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for trade level roles in the landscape industry. Individuals with this qualification perform tasks under broad supervision involving a broad range of skills that are applied in a wide variety of contexts. Discretion and judgement in selecting and operating equipment, coordinating resources and applying contingency measures during work.

### **AHC31021 - Certificate III in Parks and Gardens**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for trade level roles in the parks and gardens industry including contractor, greenkeeper and grounds person. Individuals with this qualification perform tasks under broad supervision involving a broad range of skills that are applied in a wide variety of contexts, which will involve discretion and judgement in selecting and operating equipment, coordinating resources and applying contingency measures during work.

### **AHC32419 - Certificate III in Irrigation Technology**

Qualified Landscape Contractors will often undertake this qualification so that they can install irrigation systems without the requirement of a plumbing subcontractor. In NSW you will need to complete this qualification then apply to NSW Office of Fair trading for a Water plumbing – urban irrigation licence. Without a licence, you must use a licenced plumber to connect any irrigation systems to mains (potable) water supply.

### **AHC42021 - Certificate IV in Landscape Construction Management**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for supervisory/managerial job roles in the landscape industry including leading hand, foreman, site supervisor, landscape builder and construction manager. Individuals with this qualification perform tasks involving technical skills, problem solving and supervisory skills to operate, monitor and improve performance of landscape systems and projects, and may supervise staff.

### **AHC42421 - Certificate IV in Landscape Design**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for entry level design job roles in the landscape design industry. Individuals with this qualification perform tasks involving technical skills and problem solving to monitor and improve performance of landscape design projects.

### **AHC52021 - Diploma of Landscape Construction Management**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for landscape project management job roles in the landscape industry. Individuals with this qualification will take personal responsibility and exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work. They must analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of advanced skilled activities.

### **AHC50621 - Diploma of Landscape Design**

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for landscape designer job roles in the landscape industry. Individuals with this qualification will take personal responsibility and exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of advanced skilled activities.

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## CAREER PATHWAYS/SPECIALISATIONS

Once you have completed your training as a qualified landscape contractor you may like to explore the opportunity to specialise in a particular area of landscape design or establish your own business as a specialist in one of the following areas -

**Pool installation** - Often swimming pools, spas or ponds form part of a landscape project so the opportunity to become a specialist in installing water features such as rock pools & spas as well as man made streams and ponds is an area that you could transition into. Retaining walls/fencing -Constructing retaining walls and boundary fences can be wrought with legal implications so using a specialist service provider to plan and construct these features will prevent ongoing issues and costs to residents and commercial projects. This is an area of specialisation that a land scape contractor could look to build capacity in as there is a lot of scope to make a good income from this type of work.

**Patios and decking** -With the documented increased desire for outdoor living spaces by home owners the construction of patios and decks has become a growth area in the landscape gardening industry in Australia. If you have a passion for construction and working with clients to build their dream outdoor entertaining area you may consider specialising in this area of work. It will provide you with the opportunity to be your own boss and to work flexible hours to meet individual clients needs.








**Excavation and terracing** -If working with heavy machinery with precision and determination is something that you really enjoy then becoming an excavation and terracing specialist may be something that you would like to consider. Large industrial and residential projects require a skilled specialist to complete excavation, terracing and drainage work. This type of work can provide a substantial income for a sole trader or small business as well as provide scope to grow your skills and capacity over time.

**Irrigation systems** -An irrigation specialist is invaluable in a dry country where sustainable use of water in green spaces is really important, and this role can help guide garden and horticultural projects to utilise water via efficient practices, whilst still getting the outcomes required. Different parts of the country will require different hydration, depending on soils, plants, time of year, outcomes and weather. A specialist will be able to take these factors into consideration to create an irrigation plan that is customised to the location, plant species and features of each individual garden or landscape.

**Landscape architect** -Create and safeguard resilient landscapes, that are designed as incredible places to work, rest and play. Construct public and private spaces that are vibrant, joyous, beautiful, safe and calm.

Establish urban resilience through biodiversity. Landscape architecture has become the intersection of sustainability, ecology, environment and design. Study and work across multiple disciplines, including architecture, art, planning, science and engineering.

For further information relating to this job click on the logo to open the web page or scan on the QR code .

		
<p>The landscape Association</p> 	<p>The Australian Garden Council</p> 	<p>SPASA Australia</p> 
		
<p>Irrigation Australia</p> 		<p>MAE</p> 

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### HINTS ON HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS JOB

**The first thing to do is to look up the landscape contractor in your local area and ring them or meet with them to discuss the opportunity to work in this industry. If you can't locate a contractor then follow the 9 steps below that could assist you to secure work with a landscape contractor-**

1. identify your strengths and weaknesses, especially in problem solving and botany as these are essential to being successful as a landscape contractor. Completing any of the following; a basic chainsaw course, white card, agriculture or horticulture units of competence as well as using hand and power tools will provide the practical skills that will assist you to meet the selection criteria that employers set.
2. decide where you want to work; are you willing to relocate to get your dream job? There may be more opportunities in cities than in regional areas.
3. research information about local employers or companies that you would like to work for; find out what the entry requirements or essential criteria are that must be met; such as do you need to complete a white card or gain your licence before getting an interview?
4. make a shortlist of potential prospective employers to contact. You may also like to chat to your job search agent or search some of the online employment agencies such as SEEK, Jobsearch, Indeed or Linked In to find job vacancies for electricians in your region.
5. create a quality resume and include your academic achievements, experience, interests and passions.
6. contact potential employers by writing or directly calling them to demonstrate your interest and communication skills. Prospective employers highly value self-starters and prospective career aspirants with initiative who take such steps to seek for themselves employment as an apprentice.
7. if you are still at school, you may be able to take up a school-based apprenticeship. There are opportunities available in some schools that allow you to take on a part-time apprenticeship known as a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT). Ask your school if they support this government initiative and ask the employer if they would be interested in such an arrangement. SBATs are a really good way to allow you to finish school and at the same time learn and earn as an apprentice.
8. your employer should contact the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASNs) - <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/> for further information on how to sign you up.
9. sign up to your traineeship with your employer (and support of your family if you are under 18 years old) to start "learning and earning" to be a landscape contractor"

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## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THESE RELATED JOBS?

### Landscaper/landscape designer

A Landscaper, or Landscape Designer, is responsible for envisioning unique outdoor spaces and working with other landscape professionals to turn their visions into public parks and gardens for people to enjoy. Their duties include planting flowers and trees, trimming shrubbery and overseeing the installation of benches, fountains, fences and walking paths.

### Horticulturist

Horticulturists have scientific knowledge in how to cultivate and propagate plants, and use this knowledge to provide technical information to fruit, vegetable, and flower growers, as well as farmers. Horticulturists also conduct pest and disease investigations and experiment with improved varieties of plants with greater resistance to disease.

### Viticulturalist

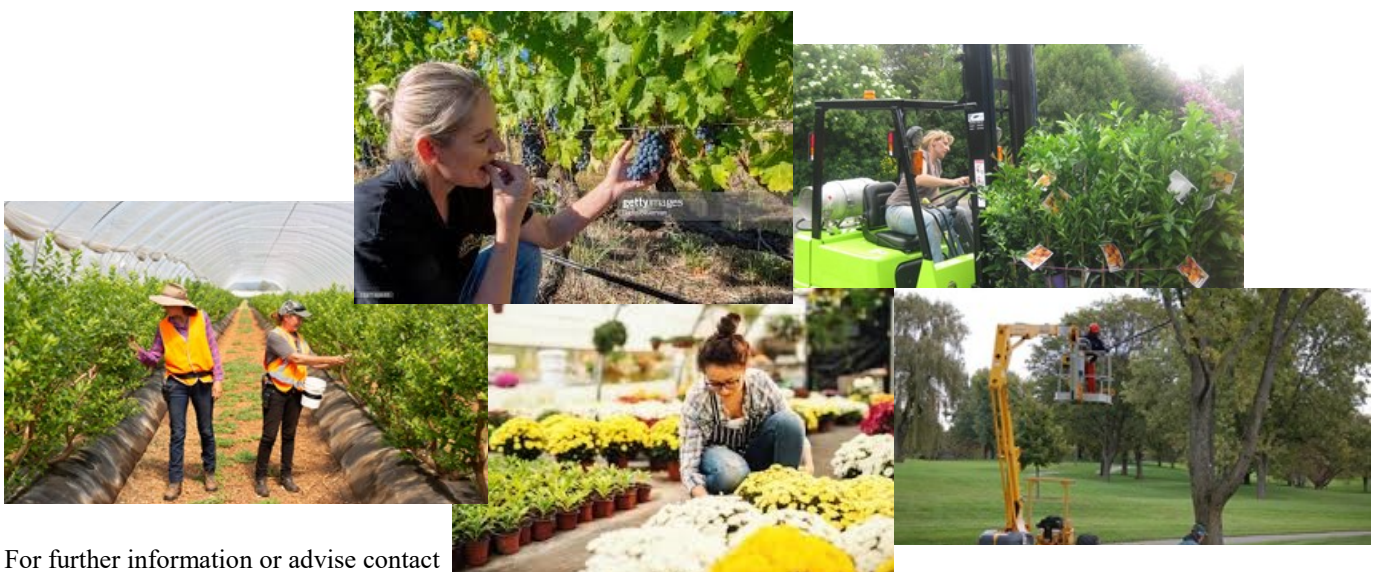
Viticulturalists plan, supervise and coordinate the growing of selected grape varieties for the production of wine, dried fruit or table grapes. Viticulturalists spend a lot of time outdoors in vineyards, but also work indoors in laboratories, offices and grape processing facilities.

### Orchardist

Plants and cultivates trees, like apple, orange, and walnut, and harvests fruit and nut crops, applying knowledge of horticulture market conditions. Determines varieties quantities of trees to be grown, acreage to be tilled and employees to be hired.

### Elevated Platform operator

Elevated Work Platform Operator operates stationary and mobile cranes, hoists, lifts and winches to lift, move and place materials, equipment and people in areas such as building sites, factories, mines, sawmills, wharves and shipyards. Registration or licensing is required.



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