

# Job Description – School Based Traineeship

## Certificate in Agriculture (Beef Cattle Production)

### Employment Conditions

#### Trainees:

- are employed on a part time basis (minimum 48 days in 12 months) under a traineeship
- are recruited by RITE and then matched to a suitable cattle property / station
- live & work on the station during school holidays (all meals & accommodation are supplied by the host property during this time)

### Job Description

#### Station duties may include:

- cattle mustering/handling
- vehicle / motorbike operation & maintenance
- maintenance of property water supplies
- & other general station work
- horsemanship
- fencing
- welding

### Training & Assessment

#### Training & Assessment takes place:

- on the property (delivered by a RITE Field Officer)
- at Training Blocks – trainees come together at a RITE approved training property to attend training sessions and complete assessments. Training blocks are held at different times of the year for Level II and III trainees.

### Qualifications

#### Trainees can undertake the following qualifications:

- **Certificate II in Agriculture (Beef Cattle Production)**
  - Preferred entry level traineeship
  - Can be completed in approximately 12 months
- **Certificate III in Agriculture (Beef Cattle Production)**
  - More advanced level traineeship
  - Can be completed in approximately 2 years



### Prerequisites

- A good work ethic and attitude
- Good standard of health & fitness
- High energy level
- Basic knowledge of the rural industry
- Experience is an advantage

### Wages

- Wages are paid under the Station Hands Award (State)
- Board & Keep is factored into the wage and provided by the host property

### Fees

#### Queensland Government funded traineeship

- Certificate II – no fees apply
- Certificate III – a small tuition fee applies

#### **For more information on fees please contact RITE**

### Career Prospects

The Certificate in Agriculture is well recognised across the rural industry. Upon completion graduates will find their skills are in high demand. Over 80% of Queenslanders who have completed a qualification at Certificate II or III are employed and Certificate II and III qualifications may also be used to gain entry into University courses.

Your career prospects are limited only by your imagination. Following are examples of careers you may move onto after completion of your traineeship:

- Station Manager
- Head stockperson or overseer
- Stud Breeder
- Feed Lotting
- Chopper Pilot
- Vet
- Training
- Research and Sciences
- Rural Finance and Lending
- Stock and Station Agent or Auctioneer
- Governmental Departments – policy, trade, etc
- Overseas agricultural industries
- Consultancy
- Peak Bodies (such as AgForce, NFF, Cattle Concil, MLA)

## SUGGESTED STUDY PLANS

<b>Certificate II in Agriculture specialising in Beef Production</b>	<b>Certificate III in Agriculture (Beef Production)</b>
<p><b>Group A Units</b> (*units in italics are compulsory)</p> <p><i>Follow OHS procedures*</i></p> <p><i>Observe environmental work practices*</i></p> <p><i>Work effectively in the industry*</i></p> <p><i>Participate in workplace communications*</i></p> <p>Provide basic first aid</p> <p>Install, maintain and repair fencing</p> <p>Monitor livestock to parturition</p> <p>Monitor water supplies</p> <p>Muster and move livestock</p> <p>Provide feed for livestock</p> <p><b>Group B Units</b></p> <p>Identify and mark livestock</p> <p>Ride horses and care for equipment</p> <p>Fabricate and repair metal or plastic structures</p> <p>Operate ride-on vehicles</p> <p>Undertake operational maintenance of machinery</p> <p><b>Group C Units</b></p> <p>Operate basic machinery and equipment</p> <p>Handle livestock using basic techniques</p>	<p><b>Group A Units</b> (*units in italics are compulsory)</p> <p><i>Carry out workplace OHS procedures*</i></p> <p>Prepare and apply chemicals</p> <p>Transport, handle and store chemicals</p> <p>Identify and draft livestock</p> <p>Implement feeding plans for livestock</p> <p>Implement livestock husbandry practices</p> <p>Implement animal health control programs</p> <p><b>Group B Units</b></p> <p>Plan and construct conventional fencing</p> <p>Establish pastures and crops for livestock production</p> <p>Educate, ride and care for horses and equipment</p> <p>Transport livestock</p> <p>Plan and construct an electric fence</p> <p>Implement vertebrate pest control program</p> <p>Monitor weather conditions</p> <p>Administer medication to livestock</p> <p><b>Group C Units</b></p> <p>Handle young horses</p>

### Contact your RITE Representative

**For more information on the units of competency listed here  
or how you can tailor this plan to suit your needs.**

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