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Important Notice

Financial Incentives for Northern Adelaide Plains Vegetable Growers
Up to \$6,000 per trainee may be available if eligibility criteria met



Your business may be eligible for Federal and/or State Government incentives if you sign your employees into a AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture Traineeship through a Training Contract and enrolment form with Regional Skills Training (RST) (RTO 140107).

RST has been providing chemical and food safety training in the region since March 2020. During this time, we have listened to the growers asking us to help them find financial support to improve their farming skills as well as meet Freshcare compliance. RST is pleased

to advise that the South Australian and Australian Governments are offering incentives to support RST and eligible growers with some funding for businesses with a worker under a Contract of Training.

Potential financial incentives for your business

Your business may be eligible for financial incentives. A breakdown of potential incentives are listed below. Each incentive or reimbursement has eligibility criteria.

RST will support you to understand what your business may be eligible for.

| Federal Government Funds | |
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| Commencement Incentive (full time traineeship) | \$1,500 for new workers |
| Completion Incentive (full time traineeship) | \$2,500 for new workers |
| Completion Incentive (part time traineeship) | \$1,500 for new workers |
| State Government Funds | |
| Equipped for Work | Up to \$1,000 reimbursement for the trainee and up to \$1,000 reimbursement for the employer (\$2,000 in total) for new or existing workers |

State Funding – Equipped for Work is administered by the Department for Innovation and Skills (DIS).

This incentive is currently available until June 30th 2021 or until the fund is fully expended.

To help enhance your likelihood of being eligible for the State Funding please enrol with RST as soon as possible.

Incentive funding can be used to pay for items such as:

- Skills development eg Freshcare training
- Implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Software subscriptions
- Freshcare accreditation or reaccreditation
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Safety signs and chemical spill kits
- Improved spray nozzles and irrigation pumps
- Maximum Residue Level testing
- Water quality testing

What Training do you get?

- Chemical accreditation/Freshcare/Quality Assurance
- WHS/Food safety training
- Pest, disease and weed management to minimise chemical use and help prevent chemical resistance
- Crop Planting/Canopy Maintenance
- Business record keeping
- Water and produce sampling
- Irrigation system maintenance

Where will the training be held?

- Most of the training will take place at your farm. Some classroom training will be held at the Virginia Horticulture Centre.

What Office and Farm support do you get from RST?

- Every grower has access to RST's Agronomists, On Farm Support team and Administration Support team.
- During your training, we will visit your farm on a regular basis to provide support and help you become a better grower.

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- RST's On Farm Support team speak English and Vietnamese. RST will provide you with Training and Freshcare documents in English or Vietnamese.
- RST is exploring plastics waste collection options for you, so you can clean up your farm.
- RST is partnering with the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) to dispose of your unwanted chemicals (up to 40 litres). RST will help you with this process.
- DrumMuster will continue to take empty, triple washed chemical drums at the Virginia Horticulture Centre.
- RST will help you with all enrolment and incentive paperwork.

How do you become a part of the program?

RST's dedicated team at the Virginia Horticulture Centre, will help you enrol, assess your eligibility and access your training incentive funding. Please visit RST at the Virginia Horticulture Centre, to discuss your farm needs or send us an email to caroline@rst.edu.au.

What does this cost you?

The program will cost any new student \$300 for the full duration (RST expect to provide you with support for up to 2.5 years). If your business enrolls more than 4 trainees the enrolment fee reduces to \$100 per person. For RST'S existing students, there are no additional costs as you have already paid student fees. If you are one of these students, you MUST come to RST's office, to discuss eligibility for financial incentives.

RST is excited to be working with each individual grower in the Northern Adelaide Plains. Together we will strengthen your business to produce safe, high quality fresh food.



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