

AgSkilled 3.0

About the Program

AgSkilled 3.0 is a \$5 million NSW Government initiative running until 30 June 2026 to upskill workers and jobseekers in agriculture. It supports key sectors such as intensive and extensive **livestock, grains, cotton, beekeeping, viticulture, horticulture, and rice-growing**. Training is funded through Smart and Skilled and focuses on production, technology, business, and safety skills needed across these industries.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must be Smart and Skilled eligible, living or working in NSW, no longer at school, and either an Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder, or NZ citizen. They must also be working in or seeking work in the agricultural plant-growing or livestock sectors.

Truck driver training is included in the program, recognising that trucks are commonly used on farms for transporting goods. A heavy vehicle licence (e.g., MR, HR, HC, or MC) is often essential for on-farm roles. Each farm business may access funding for up to two drivers.

Application Process

To apply, each student must complete an [Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#) and submit a **Letter of Support**. This letter confirms their employment or intention to work in the ag sector and outlines why the training is needed. If self-employed, the letter should come from a certified accountant or a neighbouring farm. Truck driver applicants must also supply verification they have already obtained a valid [HVCBA Learner Logbook](#).

Letter of Support

What the Letter Should Include

- The student's **name, date of birth, and contact details**
- The **date** the letter was written and **employer or business details**, including **ABN** and information on the organisation's involvement as a primary producer.
- A **statement confirming the applicant is involved in or entering on-farm work in an eligible industry**
- A **clear explanation of why the training is needed** (e.g., to meet regulatory requirements, address skill shortages, improve productivity or adopt new technologies)
- *If the applicant is a jobseeker, the letter should outline how the training supports their pathway into employment*
- *An acknowledgment that the student is not enrolled in another funded course from the same training package (unless approved)*

Important Notes

Letters must be specific to the applicant's role and the training outcomes. The Department may verify any information provided and request further evidence. Inaccurate or incomplete letters may result in funding being denied. All training must align with AgSkilled's objectives of building a skilled, sustainable, and technology-ready workforce in agriculture.