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## Teaching Permaculture in the Accredited system

Vocational training courses in Permaculture have been available since 2003, and there are currently five qualifications and a skill which are included in the [Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation & Land Management Training Package](#).

Qualifications available are:

- [AHC10416 Certificate I in Permaculture](#)
- [AHC21716 Certificate II in Permaculture](#)
- [AHC33816 Certificate III in Permaculture](#)
- [AHC42116 Certificate IV in Permaculture](#)
- [AHC52116 Diploma of Permaculture](#)
- [AHCSS00048 Permaculture Demonstrator Skill Set](#) – intended to provide school teachers and others with the necessary permaculture knowledge and skills to deliver Certificates I and/or II.

These courses are part of the vocational education and training (VET) in Australia. They are not a replacement for the Permaculture Design Course (PDC): they are an additional form of competency-based training. Students and providers may also have access to state and federal government subsidies according to State and Federal funding programs.

### Why would you want to teach vocational courses in permaculture?

- Use your skills to enthuse and motivate students to develop skills in permaculture.
- Guide students towards a career path in permaculture.
- Help grow permaculture as an industry.
- Influence other training areas, such as horticulture and agriculture, to include some permaculture skills.
- Generate a regular income doing what you love.

### The qualifications that you need:

- A vocational qualification in Permaculture ([Certificate III in Permaculture](#), [Certificate IV in Permaculture](#), or [Diploma of Permaculture](#)) up to the level you are teaching. For example, you need to have qualified to at least the Certificate III in Permaculture to be able to teach Certificate III.
- [Certificate IV in Training and Assessment](#) (Course code TAE40116).

### Are you teaching in a school?



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- [The Permaculture Demonstrator Skills Set](#) (AHCSS00048) comprises four units of Certificate III in Permaculture which enables teachers and others to deliver [Certificate I](#) and [Certificate II in Permaculture](#) in schools or labour market programs. This Skill Set is not sufficient to deliver Certificate III and higher.
- If you have a PDC you do not need to do the Skill Set
- Everyone [teaching in the Vocational Education and Training system](#) in Australia needs a [Certificate IV in Training and Assessment](#) (TAE40116)

### **So where to from here?**

- Gain qualifications – through study or RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning).
- Talk to Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in your area and see if they are interested in offering permaculture training courses. Information on the RTOs with scope of registration to deliver these courses is available at the [Training.gov](#) website. Enter the course code and click on ‘find RTOs approved to deliver this qualification’.
- Seek guidance and further information from Permaculture Australia by emailing [education@permacultureaustralia.org.au](mailto:education@permacultureaustralia.org.au)