




Weeds Training

for natural resource managers
in NSW

Training delivery

The NSW Weeds Training Program is delivered through Tocal College, with either face to face training across NSW, or an expanding number of external study units.

There is an emphasis on practical hands-on sessions with supporting training and reference material covering the theoretical aspects.

Most training offered by the Weeds Training Program addresses the competencies of the Conservation and Land Management Training Package, aligned to the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).

Units of training are available at a range of AQF levels as outlined below.

AQF level	Qualification	Example workplace title
2	Certificate II	Operator
3	Certificate III	Weeds Officer, Field Officer
4	Certificate IV	Supervisor, Weeds Officer
5	Diploma	Manager, Senior Weeds Officer, Project Officer

Training for Weeds Officers, Project Officers and natural resource managers

The NSW Weeds Training Program provides relevant, high quality, nationally accredited training in a wide range of weed management subjects.

The program offers structured training from operational weed management through to strategic weed management and planning, which in turn gives participants opportunities for career advancement.

The training is suited to people involved in:

- Managing weeds
- Supervising weed management activities
- Advising weed managers
- Planning weed management
- Strategic and regional weed management planning



Further information

Please contact the Weeds Training Coordinator, Tocal College. Telephone 02 4939 8933 or email info@tocal.com or visit the website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/reader/weedotraining



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Current training courses offered as part of the Weeds Training Program



The Weeds Training Program is suited to local government Weeds Officers, Catchment Management Authority and state government agency Project Officers who are involved with weed management and/or the strategic planning and implementation of weed management programs on a local, regional or catchment wide basis. The following table outlines a number of courses offered by the Weeds Training Program.

A comprehensive list and training calendar is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/reader/weedotraining

Training course	Accreditation	Course description	Course delivery
Legal training for weeds officers	Stage 2: PSPREG401C, PSPREG405B AQF level 4 Stage 3: PSPREG410B AQF level 4	This course is designed for people working with the <i>Noxious Weeds Act (1993)</i> . It provides participants with a thorough understanding of the legislative requirements and responsibilities. The course is presented in three stages. Stage 1 introduces and provides an interpretation of the Act (how the law is made, introduction to the Act and Regulations, powers of inspectors, elements of offences). Stage 2 studies powers and responsibilities of inspectors and offences under the Act (interpreting legislation, understanding inspector's powers, points of proof, elements of offences, gathering and managing evidence, interview techniques). Stage 3 brings the Officer and their prepared case into a courtroom to be cross examined (preparation for court proceedings, presentation of evidence, outcomes of proceedings).	Stage 1: external study Stage 2: 3 day workshop Stage 3: 2 day workshop
Grass recognition	RTC2016A AQF level 2	This course is designed for people interested in learning how to recognise grasses in the field and introduces key plant parts used to identify them. It focuses on grass weeds and grasses threatening the local region, and includes native and desirable grass species. Basic information on plant classification and plant identification methods is complemented by a practical session.	1 day workshop
Recognising water weeds	RTC2016A AQF level 2	This course is designed for people interested in acquiring practical skills to recognise serious aquatic weeds in Australia. Focusing on distinguishing features of aquatic plants, this workshop briefly covers their impacts on the environment. The practical will include samples of aquatic weeds, along with some of their look-alikes and several native species.	1 day workshop
Weed movement, machinery inspection and cleaning	RTD2312A and RTD2313A AQF level 2	This course is designed for people working with plant and machinery and provides an understanding of the threat of weeds, identification of weeds, and ways to reduce the risk of spreading weeds. Participants will be required to formally inspect machinery for material that may contribute to the spread of weeds, pests or disease. The course also covers options for the best location and equipment needed for cleaning machinery and plant.	1 day workshop
Biological control of weeds	RTD3706A and RTD3707A AQF level 3	This course is designed for people interested in biological control of weeds. It covers the history of biological control in Australia and methods used. It concentrates on the theory and practice behind site assessment, maintaining and releasing biological control agents and establishing a nursery with a view to harvesting the agent.	1 day workshop including a field trip
Vegetation survey and assessment	RTC5519A AQF level 5	This course is designed for land managers looking to accurately define the scale of a weed problem and determine its impact on the surrounding vegetation. Participants are required to submit an individual survey report on a site of personal interest. Topics covered during the workshop include: rapid appraisal techniques; accurate inspection; assessment and monitoring of weed and plant populations; recording data; and writing a vegetation report.	2 day workshop
Planning for pest management	RTD5401A, RTD5402A and RTD5403A AQF level 5	This course is designed for people interested in developing a plan to manage weeds or vertebrate pests in their region. It outlines the three step process of developing a regional plan for pest management: define the pest problem; develop a regional plan to manage the pest; and outline a monitoring system for the plan. This course is suitable for officers involved with either weeds or vertebrate pests.	2 day workshop or external study