

WELCOME TO IRRIGATION AUSTRALIA'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

If you are currently a farmer, farm manager, parks superintendent or turf managers responsible for applying water in irrigation systems you may be eligible to become a Certified Irrigation Manager. You will currently be implementing best practice in irrigation and water use and can recognise and minimise the environmental impacts of irrigation. The certification grants you a point of difference in the market and a Certified Irrigation Manager is highly regarded by customers to provide a service that meets or exceeds the average industry standards.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

To apply you'll need to be actively working in the irrigation industry, plus have three years relevant experience that includes:

- Operating irrigation and drainage systems
- Identifying and troubleshooting problems
- Measuring and monitoring system performance

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

To become certified you'll need to prove you can meet the requirements of five competency units as listed:

This must include one, but up to two Manage units.

1. AHCIRG402 Determine hydraulic parameters for an irrigation system
2. AHCIRG404 Implement an irrigation-related environmental protection program
3. AHCIRG408 Schedule irrigations
4. AHCIRG410 Select and manage pumping systems for irrigation
5. AHCIRG415 Interpret and apply irrigations designs
6. AHCIRG433 Manage irrigation systems
7. AHCSOL401 Sample soils and interpret results
8. AHCIRG432 Supervise irrigation system maintenance

Other Statements of Attainment that have similar skills and knowledge will be considered

To prove these competencies you have to get a Statement of Attainment for each of your nominated competencies from a relevant Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Irrigation Australia operates its own RTO - Irrigation Training Australia. To search for RTOs, go to www.training.gov.au

THESE SKILLS MAY BE GAINED THROUGH:

- Face-to-face: course work is usually conducted in a classroom situation
- Distance learning: done by correspondence, online, phone or any method that is not classroom-based.
- On-the-job training: training conducted in the workplace
- RPL – recognition of prior learning: both formal and informal learning is assessed toward a qualification.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO BEST PRACTICE

Once you become a Certified Irrigation Manager you'll need to keep your skills and knowledge current by participating in a range of irrigation-related activities. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Points will be earned for each type of activity and at the end of two years, provided sufficient points have been earned, you can apply for renewal of your certificate.

TO APPLY

Once you have Statements of Attainment or an academic transcript covering the relevant competencies from an RTO, fill out the IAL certification application form (available from the IAL website) with your work history and attach "sighted" copies of your documents and return to IAL with the certification fee. Sighted copies are those that are verified by a JP as an accurate copy of the original. Please do not send your originals.

CERTIFICATION FEES

Fees for attaining certification, and for the biennial renewal, are available from the Irrigation Australia website www.irrigationaustralia.com.au/certification/certification



PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS FOR IAL MEMBERS.