

Programme Content

The programme of training relates to the NZQA unit standards that go into making up the Introductory National Certificate and these are:-

- 8383 Demonstrate knowledge of hides and skins used in leather manufacture
- 8384 Demonstrate knowledge of hide and skin structure
- 8385 Demonstrate knowledge of hide and skin faults
- 8386 Demonstrate knowledge of manufacturing stages used in leather manufacture
- 8387 Demonstrate knowledge of environmental pollutants in tannery discharges
- 8388 Demonstrate knowledge of hazards associated with chemicals used within tanneries
- 8389 Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of quality assurance used within tanneries
- 8390 Demonstrate knowledge of practical tannery quality control

Why Train?

It is well known that training is an integral part of a company's success and maintaining its competitive advantage in an ever increasing competitive marketplace. Therefore the need to training has become vital to stay competitive.

Training:

- ⇒ Improves staff performance
- ⇒ improves staff knowledge
- ⇒ Improves staff confidence
- ⇒ Increases staff morale and
- ⇒ Reduces staff turnover

This in turn leads to:

- ⇒ Better product
- ⇒ Better selling,
- ⇒ Better buying, and
- ⇒ Better QC decisions

This equates to:

- ⇒ Increased sales,
- ⇒ Increased margins,
- ⇒ Reduced complaints,
- ⇒ Reduced returns, and
- ⇒ Reduced remediation costs.

Make a commitment to training by enrolling your key personnel on the LASRA Leather Courses

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National
Certificate in
Leather
Manufacture
Technology
(Introductory)

Level 3 on NZQA
Framework



The National Certificate in Leather Manufacture Technology (Introductory) is a recognised Level 3 qualification on the National Qualifications Framework.

If you work in the leather industry and want to know more about:

- the types of raw material used to make different leathers
- the stages of leather manufacturing
- how the industry deals with quality control, pollution control and hazards

Then the Introductory Certificate Course is a great way of getting to know the basics.

Because the Course doesn't require detailed technical leather-making knowledge, it's a good way of getting a general grounding.

It suits those who might be new to the industry, it helps those not directly involved in production to understand more about the leather industry's technology and it's probably the best way for many folk of leading into the Level 4 Advanced National Certificate Course.

Studying with LASRA

LASRA is an NZQA registered Private Training Establishment and works from the specialised industry research and technology facilities in Palmerston North. We're the central leather information agency in the country and use our resources to make sure our Courses are top quality, full of the latest international material whilst keeping the focus on what we do here in New Zealand and Australia.

Programme Outline

The Introductory Course intake is in February and the Course exam is in November. You can work at your own pace and we make sure the lecture notes are well within the capacity of personnel who are in full-time jobs.

Many have succeeded and if you have the commitment and a bit of discipline, then there's every reason to be confident of success.

Students are provided with a log-in ID and password, which they will use to access the course. Units are released each month for eight months together with an assignment. Each unit is divided into sections and is accompanied with a short quiz. There are also video links showing machinery in operation..

Basic requirements are a secure computer with broadband connection (though dial-up will do if you don't mind the wait), and an internet browser. Further details on the best option will be given after enrolment.

Note, there's no block course requirement for the Introductory Course, that only applies to the Advanced Course that you may want to move on to later.

Assignments

Assignments comprise of a written section and quiz. The quiz is done online, it has a time limit.

Sectors

The course is split into three sectors: Bovine (hides), Ovine (skins) and Woolskins (wool on). Students can choose which sector they want to do, but in most cases they choose the sector they are involved with. Course material and assignment are only supplied for that sector, although notes are available for the other sectors as Additional Notes.

Industry Awards

There are two industry awards, the top student award is a cash prize of \$1000 and is sponsored by the Shamrock Group Ltd. The second award is a cash prize of \$500 and is sponsored by Interchem Agencies Ltd. Both these awards are presented at the annual LASRA Conference in August the following year.

Entry Requirements

The Introductory Course is open entry. That means you don't have to have any previous qualifications and you don't have to have worked in the industry, but it does help.

You will have to have reasonable reading skills to be able to learn from the lecture material we'll send you and you'll have to have reasonable writing skills to be able to complete the assignments and exam which are the activities that let us know you've taken the knowledge on board.

Course Fees 2019

Course fees (excl. gst) are

\$2895 for Ordinary Members,

\$3615 for Ancillary Members and

\$4740 for Non-Members.

These figures are in New Zealand dollars The issue of the National Certificate is included in the cost.

Trainees in employment and enrolled through their firms on Training Agreements with an Industry Training Organisation will be subsidised. Trainees should check with employers to see what costs, if any, they will incur.

Additional Costs

A charge of \$30 is made for any repeats

Applications

If you are employed in a tannery or some section of the hide or skin processing industry, talk to your manager or supervisor in the first instance to confirm that your company is willing to enrol you under a Training Agreement.

You can of course approach LASRA directly and enrol as an individual; our contact details are on the back of this brochure.

Student Finances

Details on any allowances you may be entitled to in support of your studies can be sought from your local Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ) office.

Student Support

When you have enrolled, you are provided with a Student Handbook and Study Guide, that will tell you all you need to know about the Course and the support provided.

One of the forms of support of the course is the LASRA library and our librarian Karen will be available to provide you with back up reading material as you need it.

Contact: library@lasra.co.nz