

Which Growsafe[®] course is right for me?

*Growsafe offers two primary courses to ensure the safe and effective use of agrichemicals: the **Growsafe Basic** and **Growsafe Standard** certificates. Both courses aim to promote the safe and effective use of agrichemicals, ensuring the well-being of individuals, communities, and the environment. Here's a guide to help you determine which course suits your needs.*

Growsafe Basic Certificate: Ideal if you're starting out or working under supervision without decision-making responsibilities regarding agrichemical use.

Who it's for: Individuals new to agrichemical use or those working under direct or indirect supervision. This includes employees who don't make independent decisions about spraying but need to understand safe handling practices.

Course focus: Emphasises practical skills for the safe use of agrichemicals, including understanding label instructions and following workplace procedures.

Course structure: A one-day face-to-face session with both written and practical assessments. After the course, you'll need to complete a spray activity and submit a verification form completed by your employer or supervisor, confirming that you performed the task safely and to industry standards.

Outcome: Prepares you to safely use agrichemicals under supervision. Certification is valid for five years.

Growsafe Standard Certificate: Suitable if you're responsible for planning and managing agrichemical applications, supervising others, or operating independently.

Who it's for: Individuals who make decisions about agrichemical use, manage or supervise others, or take responsibility for the spraying activities in a workplace. This includes those working independently with little or no supervision.

Course focus: Provides in-depth knowledge on the safe use of agrichemicals, covering risk management, environmental protection, and compliance with regulations.

Course structure: A comprehensive program that may include pre-course learning, a face-to-face session, and assessments. Prior experience, such as completing a season's spraying under supervision or holding a Growsafe Basic certificate, is recommended.

Outcome: Prepares you to manage a small-scale spray operation independently. Certification is valid for five years.

Important note on regulatory requirements

While the general guidance above helps you choose the right course, some situations may require a specific certification level regardless of responsibilities. Use the **Growsafe Decision Tree** on the Growsafe website ([Growsafe Decision Trees](#)) to determine if a Growsafe Basic or Standard Certificate is required to meet regulatory obligations in your situation.