

## GROWSAFE RURAL RETAIL COURSE

### INFORMATION SHEET

#### Background

This one day course is designed for people working in the rural retail environment. It may also be suitable for those working in associated industries such as agrichemical bulk storage. It has been developed with industry to meet the requirements of the Certified Handler programme as well as hazardous substances matters specific to the rural retail sector. It is not envisaged that all staff attending the course would be seeking Certified Handler status, but rather training suitable for their role and responsibility. This course forms part of the Growsafe Supplier Certificate programme.

#### Course details

The primary mode of delivery of this course is direct provision by rural retailers. Under this model, a rural retailer identifies staff requiring training, selects a venue and a course date, and contracts a Growsafe-accredited trainer to deliver the course. Subject to any alternative agreement with the trainer, the rural retailer is responsible for ordering resources, checking prerequisites are met and managing attendance of trainees. The trainer delivers the course, undertakes assessments, submits results to Growsafe and forwards Certified Handler applications to the compliance certifier.

Alternatively, if a training organisation wishes to offer this course, it would undertake the administration of the course, contract the trainer and charge a course fee to individuals to cover all the associated costs.

#### Prerequisite

Course attendees must meet one of the following requirements:

- A current Growsafe Standard or Theory certificate (a certificate covering the theory component of the Standard course and not requiring evidence of spraying experience);
- A current or recently expired (within one year) Growsafe Introductory certificate, Approved Handler certificate or higher level certificate;
- Sufficient work experience and prior knowledge (at the discretion of the tutor).

#### Pre-work

The pre-work is largely an evidence collecting exercise – finding and photographing site plans, emergency plans, inventory, and safety features such as fire extinguishers, emergency exits etc. This material will be used for the assessment, so failure to do the pre-work will mean completion of the assessment will be delayed.

#### Assessment – Growsafe

The course has an assessment which requires the individual to apply the knowledge they have learnt during the course to their own site, and review their site and its practice against regulatory requirements and best practice. There are also some knowledge questions.

The assessment will be marked by the course tutor. Successful completion of the assessment will result in issuing a certificate for this module. Completion of two other modules (Knowledge of agrichemicals and Planning and application) will lead to the Growsafe Supplier certificate being awarded.

## Assessment – Certified Handler

The Growsafe assessment will form the bulk of the evidence of competency for the Certified Handler. However, the compliance certifier may ask either for additional evidence or for a phone interview with the individual to confirm competency.

## Costs and price

There are a number of components to the cost:

<b>Cost Component</b>	<b>Direct Course Provision</b>
<b><i>Course overheads</i></b>	
Trainer fee	Set by the trainer in discussion with the rural retailer – likely to be a day rate reflecting pre and post-work and travel requirements
Venue costs	Provided by the rural retailer
Course administration	Provided by the rural retailer
<b><i>Individual costs</i></b>	
Growsafe fee for resources and certification	Set by NZAET and charged per person via the trainer
Certified Handler fee	Set by the compliance certifier and charged per person.

## Further information

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