

2021 ABA SCHOLARSHIP

Certificate in Packaging



Criteria

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 14 MAY 2021

IN CONJUNCTION WITH



**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE
OF PACKAGING**

The Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA), in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP), are pleased to announce that submissions are open for the inaugural annual Scholarship program which will enable one lucky person in Australia and/or New Zealand the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Packaging to the value of \$7,000.

In addition, the AIP will provide the winning candidate complimentary attendance at 4x training courses from the Institute's education portfolio. (Valued at \$1400) *All training courses to be attended whilst enrolled in the Certificate.

WHO AM I? The PIABC accredited Level 3 Certificate is appropriate for those wanting to enhance their employment and progression opportunities in the packaging and related industries.

For example candidates may be:

- Key personnel who handle and use packaging line operators, supervisors, maintenance engineers.
- Personnel who liaise with specifiers, users and handlers of packaging e.g. quality control and assurance personnel, designers, marketing personnel, sales executives.
- Personnel who liaise with packaging suppliers, other than those with direct responsibility for specifications, e.g. buyers, production planners, warehousing and distribution personnel.
- New recruits to the manufacturing and packaging industries, who need an introduction to the broad subject of Packaging.
- Those looking for a broad qualification in packaging as a basis for career development.

In this latter category, it is important that candidates should have access to packaging operations from an experiential aspect. Wherever possible the AIP will facilitate access to packaging operations.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? The Certificate in Packaging provides a level of insight and understanding of the packaging industry that adds real and measurable value to careers and businesses. Packaging is a fundamental part of modern business, and the Certificate in Packaging provides you with the 'detailed overview' of packaging processes that broadens your knowledge, adds value to your business and helps you to prove your worth.

WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATE IN PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY?

The Certificate in Packaging is an internationally recognised qualification that is designed to meet the training needs of a wide variety of people involved in packaging. This course is ideally suited to the new entrant who wants the best possible preparation for a career in the industry, to design, production, management, sales and marketing or purchasing staff who need to deepen their understanding of this vital and complex discipline.



The course is presented in a distance learning format for Australia and is comprised of a manual and text book. The initial mandatory unit is made up of a series of assignments over a ten week period that prepares students for the two hour examination. Successful students then proceed to select three units from a list of options that are presented on-line and supported by a tutor. The successful completion of the compulsory unit and the three additional units qualifies for the award of the Certificate in Packaging. We recommend that it will take a student three years to complete the Certificate course. The student is required to be a member of the AIP while studying the Certificate course. The course fee covers three years of membership of the AIP.



“ Design students who have a key interest packaging often do not possess fundamental knowledge of pack structure or packaging materials. The Certificate in Packaging provides students with the chance to broaden their interests in new areas of packaging. ”

Andrew U'Ren

MANDATORY UNIT:

This consists of five parts:

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF PACKAGING

The assessment criteria requires you to:

1. Explain the role of packaging in terms of its functions.
2. Assess these functions relative to the different stages of the supply chain.
3. Summarise the role of packaging in mitigating the effects of hazards faced by packed products in the supply chain.

UNDERSTAND THE MAJOR PACKAGING MATERIALS AND HOW THEY ARE COMBINED TO FORM PACKAGING COMPONENTS

The assessment criteria requires you to:

1. Describe the performance characteristics of a major packaging material.
2. Explain how materials and components are combined to make up total packaging solutions.

UNDERSTAND THE PACKAGING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

The assessment criteria requires you to:

1. Describe the factors which must be considered when developing packaging for new and existing products.
2. For a given product, explain the process of packaging development, from concept to product launch and explain the importance of each step.
3. Describe the roles of different disciplines in the packaging development process.

UNDERSTAND PACKAGING COSTS AND QUALITY SYSTEMS

The assessment criteria require you to:

1. Describe the factors affecting costs throughout the supply chain.
2. Explain the relationship between quality and cost.

UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PACKAGING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Describe the positive and negative aspects of packaging in relation to the environment.
2. Identify the tools and techniques available to assess the impact of packaging on the environment.



SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

THE ABA SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN TO CANDIDATES WHO CAN SATISFY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- ✓ The candidate must be currently employed in materials and/or packaging in Australia and/or New Zealand. (This can be in any industry eg: Food, Beverage, Pharmaceutical etc)
- ✓ The candidate must be able to demonstrate an interest in materials and packaging. Please include why you believe you are suitable for the scholarship and what difference this will make to your career.
- ✓ The candidate needs to be supported by the applicant's company for the period of the course - two years. (The course should be completed within two years or less by a graduate).
- ✓ The candidate must be willing to participate in a selection interview via the telephone/or Zoom.
- ✓ A Undergraduate Degree would be highly regarded in the candidate's application (industrial, science, mechanical, electrical, chemical, food, design, engineering etc.). All candidates must provide authenticated proof of qualifications.
- ✓ All candidates must provide written support and acknowledgment from their company.
- ✓ All candidates must provide 2 x references as to their competency.
- ✓ The candidate must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or resident.

OTHER CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR ALL CANDIDATES:

- The ABA/AIP shall require half yearly reports on progress of the awardee.
- The ABA/AIP shall be free to use the awardees photograph and approved biography for a period of up to 5 years for the purpose of publicising the Scholarship. The awardee will make themselves available for media and public relations opportunities to assist the promotion of the scholarship program.
- The awardee will need to undertake, on completion, a presentation based on the dissertation requirement in the Certificate course to the members of both the ABA and the AIP.



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