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2026 ABA SCHOLARSHIP

Certificate in Packaging

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

In addition, the AIP will provide the winning candidate complimentary attendance at 3x training courses from the Institute's education portfolio.

**All training courses to be attended whilst enrolled in the Certificate in Packaging.*

The ideal first qualification for those working in the packaging industry.

The Certificate in Packaging Technology is an introduction to the industry for those starting out on an exciting career in packaging.

The Certificate in Packaging is a Level 3 PIABC course that is recognised as giving an excellent foundation in, and introduction to, the packaging industry.

The new course, based on the revised specification, provides a level of insight and understanding of the packaging industry that adds real and measurable value to careers and businesses.



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. This qualification provides you with the detailed overview of packaging materials and processes that broadens your knowledge and equips you for progression within the packaging industry.

WHO IS THE CERTIFICATE IN PACKAGING COURSE AIMED AT?

Students working towards the Certificate in Packaging come from a variety of backgrounds, but generally have twelve months experience working in the industry.

You may be embarking on a career within the industry and are looking for additional training that will provide you with a solid foundation to build on. Or you may be an established procurement, sales, marketing or design expert who is wanting to expand your packaging technical knowledge.



“ I recognise the need to deepen my knowledge of packaging materials, formats, development, and sustainability to truly excel in this domain. The Certificate in Packaging will provide me with a solid understanding of packaging materials and their functionalities which in turn will allow me to make better informed decisions and contribute more effectively to projects. ”

Manpreet Kaur Grewa



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BENEFITS TO THE BUSINESS

- Drive innovation and efficiency in your business
- Staff motivation
- Staff equipped to drive development and innovation
- Best practice to maximise profit
- Access the experience of the industry

BENEFITS TO THE INDIVIDUAL

- A recognised professional qualification
- Add value to your business, prove your worth
- Great networking opportunities
- Broaden and deepen your knowledge and skills
- Membership of a peak professional organisation



HOW IS THE CERTIFICATE IN PACKAGING COURSE STRUCTURED?

The Certificate is split into six modules and at the end of these you should understand:

1. The roles and functions of packaging
2. The packaging development process
3. Packaging sustainability
4. Major packaging materials and formats
5. Printing and decoration processes
6. Key operations on a packing line

These learning outcomes are assessed through a formal, closed-book examination to test your knowledge and an open-book assignment on a topic set by PIABC on an annual basis.

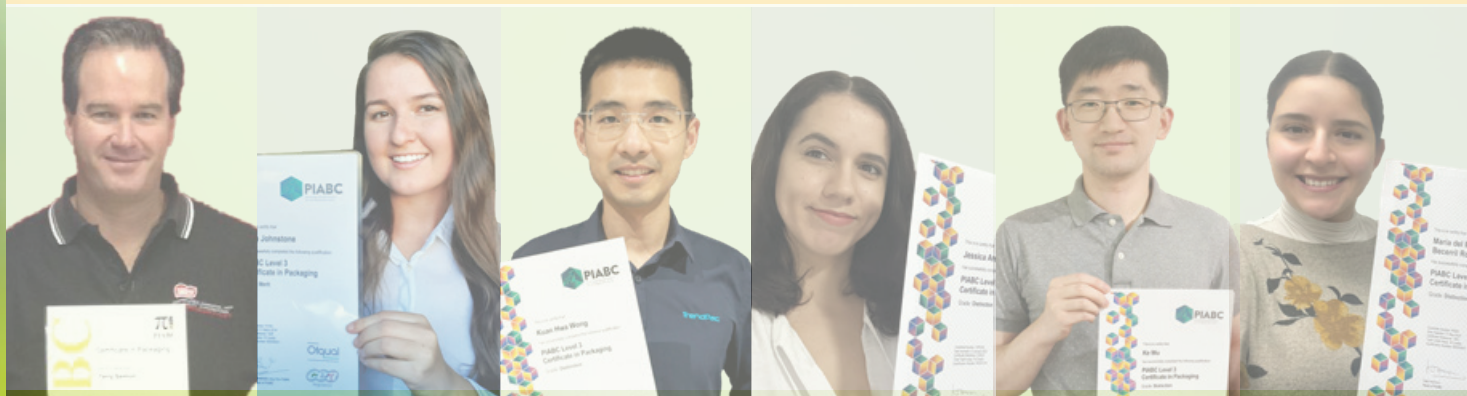
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE?

This qualification has a recommended total learning time of approximately 139 hours split across working your way through the course content, revising, sitting the exam and researching and writing your assignment.



“I hope to explore how the knowledge of packaging fundamentals can help us shift towards more sustainable, yet tangible solutions that work within our modern, global economy. I am fascinated by the ever-changing landscape of packaging technology and films, and the immense potential for recyclable and bio-based, sustainably sourced materials to expand in scalability and help provide a greener future.”

Jessica Ansell AAIP



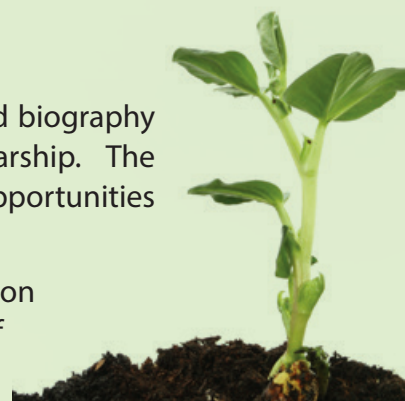
SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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 - one year. (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 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.

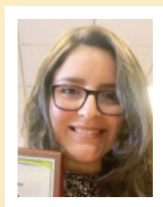
OTHER CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR ALL CANDIDATES:

- ☐ 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.



WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

Winners will be announced at the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design Awards ceremony on the Tuesday 28 July, Aviary, Crown Complex, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.



“ I want to continue to learn and grow and in five years from now, become a more technically skilled packaging technologist that helps many sectors in the industry achieve their main quality and sustainability goals. ”

Maria Becerril-Roman AAIP



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