

Biosecurity Emergency Response Training Australia (BERTA) ©

BERTA is a nationally standardised biosecurity training program. It is aligned to nationally accredited biosecurity qualifications, which have been developed to ensure that personnel across all jurisdictions have similar knowledge and skills to be able to respond effectively to biosecurity emergencies. The program has been a cooperative effort between state, territory and Australian Government Biosecurity agencies. The materials have been developed by the Registered Training Organisation and training partner Tocal College, and jointly funded by the Commonwealth, states and territories.

Information about the qualifications, skill sets and their delivery are shown in the table below.

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| PUA30919 - Certificate III in Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Operations) and associated units of competency | PUA40419 - Certificate IV in Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Leadership) and associated units of competency |
| This entry level qualification builds the skills and knowledge required to work in a biosecurity emergency response at an operational level. | This supervisory level qualification builds the skills and knowledge required to work in a biosecurity emergency response as a supervisor or team leader. |
| PUA50219 - Diploma of Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Management) and associated units of competency | Skill Sets Public Safety Training Package (Biosecurity) and associated units of competency |
| This qualification provides individuals with the skills and knowledge to provide effective management of a multi-team biosecurity emergency response operation. Individuals at this level will apply their knowledge and skills to demonstrate a high level of autonomy, judgement and defined management responsibility within their proven competencies, which may include complex and changing operating environments. | The skill sets are designed to equip biosecurity response personnel with the appropriate knowledge and skills to competently perform one or more roles in a biosecurity response setting and to be 'mission ready'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Biosecurity Emergency Responder – Biosecurity Emergency Response Leader – Biosecurity Emergency Response Manager – Biosecurity Emergency Field Surveillance – Biosecurity Emergency Movement Control – Biosecurity Emergency Infected Premises Operations – Biosecurity Emergency Infected Premises Supervision. |
| Nationally accredited training: | Yes |
| Delivery/location: | Blended delivery: online and face-to-face. Tocal College supports the delivery of these qualifications and skill sets only in partnership with biosecurity agencies in Australian jurisdictions. Please do not apply to Tocal College directly for admission to these courses. |

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| | Tocal College maintains the BERTA training materials to meet national compliance requirements, administers training, and issues nationally recognised credentials for all of the above qualifications and skill sets. This work is undertaken through a partnership agreement with Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia. |
| Start date: | Training Coordinators in each jurisdiction organise training to meet agency needs for biosecurity emergency responses. |
| Duration: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Self-paced online learning – Face-to-face workshops of varying duration – Completion of full qualifications will take 1-2 years. |
| Course structure | Information on the course structure and units/subjects is provided on the BERTA Overview within the Tocal College online course. Contact your jurisdictions training coordinator to obtain the details. However, for all units there are online modules followed by face-to-face workshops. |
| Entry requirements: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Students must be nominated by a jurisdictional biosecurity agency Training Coordinator – Students must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or New Zealand citizen. |
| Assessment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Written assignments – Oral presentations – Online tests – Group tasks. |
| Indicative fee: | Fees for completing this course are covered by the nominating jurisdiction. |

Completion of these qualifications opens opportunities for further study. Students may complete the Certificate III, Certificate IV and/or the Diploma.

Application Process:

1. For general BERTA enquiries, click [here](#). If you are employed by Government, contact your biosecurity emergency response Training Coordinator in the biosecurity agency in your jurisdiction to see which qualification or skill sets are being offered at this time.
2. If accepted as a nominee, you will be admitted to a training program and invited to the BERTA Overview page on the Tocal College learner management system where you will be able to enrol in the course agreed by your jurisdiction.
3. To discuss further study options, contact the Training Coordinator of the biosecurity agency in your jurisdiction.