

Biosecurity Emergency Response training Australia (BERTA)

BERTA is the nationally standardised training program. It is aligned to nationally accredited qualifications, and has been developed to ensure that personnel across all jurisdictions have similar skill sets and are able to respond effectively to biosecurity emergencies. It has 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.

PUA33112 - Certificate III in Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Operations) and associated units of competency	PUA42912 - 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 response at an operational level.	This supervisory level qualification builds the skills and knowledge required to work in a biosecurity response as a supervisor or team leader.
PUA52412 - 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 management level qualification builds the skills and knowledge required to work in a biosecurity response as a member of an Incident Management Team.	These target the skills required for specific roles, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Biosecurity Responder, – Biosecurity Response Leader, – Biosecurity Response Manager, – Biosecurity Field Surveillance, – Biosecurity Movement Control, – Biosecurity Infected Premises Operations – Biosecurity Infected Premises Supervision.
Nationally accredited training:	Yes
Delivery/location:	Blended delivery: online and face-to-face. Tocal College partners with Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia to maintain the BERTA training materials, ensure compliance, administer training and issue nationally recognised credentials for all of the above qualifications. Tocal College supports the delivery 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

Start date:	Training Coordinators in each jurisdiction organise training on a regular basis to meet agency needs.
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 Home Page within the Tocal College online course.
Entry requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Students must be nominated by a jurisdiction biosecurity agency Training Coordinator – Students must be Australian citizen or permanent resident, or New Zealand citizen.
Assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Written assignments – Oral presentations – Online tests – Group tasks.
Indicative fee:	No fee is charged to the participants by Tocal College

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

Application Process:

1. Contact the biosecurity agency Training Coordinator in your jurisdiction.
2. If accepted as a nominee, you will be admitted to a training program provided with a Login to the BERTA Home page within the Tocal College learner management system.

To discuss study options further contact the biosecurity agency Training Coordinator in your jurisdiction.