



QUALIFICATIONS PACK - OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED INDUSTRY

What are Occupational Standards(OS)?

- OS describe what individuals need to do, know and understand in order to carry out a particular job role or function
- OS are performance standards that individuals must achieve when carrying out functions in the workplace, together with specifications of the underpinning knowledge and understanding

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Introduction Qualifications Pack- Organic Grower

SECTOR: AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SUB-SECTOR: Agriculture Crop Production

OCCUPATION: Farm Management

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Organic Grower: The Organic Grower/Farmer recognizes the need for maximization of agricultural productivity and profitability with long term sustainable goals and ensuring safe and healthy food for consumers.

Brief Job Description: The job of an organic grower involves cultivation of organic crops as per the organic package of practices recommended for a particular agroclimate zone, using approaches like diversity, cattle integration, on-farm input generation, biomass recycling, natural resource use optimization in exclusion of synthetic inputs directly or indirectly and sell the organic produce as per the competitive market prices without distress sale.

Personal Attributes: The job requires the individual to have ability to work independently, bearing risks and must have ability to work hard and take decisions pertaining to his area of work. The individual should be result oriented and should be responsible for his/her own learning and working. S/he should be able to assess and analyze various opportunities & threats pertaining to climate and market conditions.





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Job Role		Organic Grower	
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Job Role	Organic Grower (Also known as Organic Farmer/ Organic Cultivator)
Role Description	The job involves cultivation of organic crops as per the organic package of practices recommended for a particular agro-climate zone
NSQF level Minimum Educational Qualifications Maximum Educational Qualifications	4 5 th Standard Passed Preferable Not Applicable
Training	Not Applicable
Minimum Job Entry Age	17 years
Experience	One year prior experience in field (crop) operations
Applicable National Occupational Standards (NOS)	 Compulsory: AGR/N1201 Undertake planning for Organic Farming AGR/N1202 Seed Selection and Treatment under Organic Farming AGR/N1203 Soil Nutrient Management under Organic Farming AGR/N1204 Weed control under Organic Farming AGR/N1205 Irrigation Management under Organic Farming AGR/N1205 Irrigation Management under Organic Farming AGR/N1206 Integrated Pest and Disease Management under Organic Farming AGR/N1207 Harvest and Post-harvest Management under Organic Farming AGR/N1208 Undertake Quality Assurance & Certification in Organic Farming AGR/N1209 Undertake Business of Organic Farming AGR/N1209 Undertake Business of Organic Farming AGR/N1209 Maintain Health & Safety at the workplace Optional: NA
Performance Criteria	As described in the relevant OS units
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Keywords /Terms	Description
Sector	Sector is a conglomeration of different business operations having similar business and interests. It may also be defined as a distinct subset of the economy whose components share similar characteristics and interests
Sub-sector	Sub-sector is derived from a further breakdown based on the characteristics and interests of its components
Occupation	Occupation is a set of job roles, which perform similar/ related set of functions in an industry.
Function	Function is an activity necessary for achieving the key purpose of the sector, occupation, or an area of work, which can be carried out by a person or a group of persons. Functions are identified through functional analysis and form the basis of OS.
Sub-function	Sub-functions are sub-activities essential to fulfil the achieving the objectives of the function.
Job role	Job role defines a unique set of functions that together form a unique employment opportunity in an organisation
Occupational Standards (OS)	OS specify the standards of performance an individual must achieve when carrying out a function in the workplace, together with the knowledge and understanding they need to meet that standard consistently.Occupational Standards are applicable both in the Indian and global contexts
Performance Criteria	Performance criteria are statements that together specify the standard of performance required when carrying out a task.
National Occupational	NOS are occupational standards which apply uniquely in the Indian
Standards (OS)	context.
Qualification Pack (QP)	QP comprises the set of OS, together with the educational, training and other criteria required to perform a job role. A QP is assigned a unique qualifications pack code
Unite Code	Unit code is a unique identifier for an Occupational Standard, which is denoted by an 'N'
Unite Title	Unit title gives a clear overall statement about what the incumbent should be able to do.
Description	Description gives a short summary of the unit content. This would be helpful to anyone searching on a database to verify that this is the appropriate OS they are looking for
Scope	Scope is a set of statements specifying the range of variables that an individual may have to deal with in carrying out the function which have a critical impact on quality of performance required
Knowledge and understanding	Knowledge and understanding are statements which together specify the technical, generic, professional and organisational specific knowledge that an individual needs in order to perform to the required standard
Organisational Context	Organisational context includes the way the organisation is structured and how it operates, including the extent of operative knowledge managers have of their relevant areas of responsibility
Technical Knowledge	Technical knowledge is the specific knowledge needed to accomplish specific designated responsibilities



Qualifications Pack For Organic Grower



	Core Skills/ Generic Skills	Core skills or generic skills are a group of skills that are the key to learning and working in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment. In the context of the OS, these include communication related skills that are applicable to most job roles.
_	Keywords /Terms	Description
	NOS	National Occupational Standard(s)
	NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework
	QP	Qualifications Pack
	ТРС	Third Party Certification
	PGS	Participatory Guarantee System







Undertake planning for Organic Farming

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about understanding basic principles & practices involved in Organic farming and plan accordingly.







Undertake planning for Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1201
Unit Title (Task)	Undertake planning for Organic Farming
Description	This unit is about understanding basic principles and practices involved in Organic farming and plan accordingly.
Scope	 This unit/task covers the following: need & types of safe farming practices transition to organic farming diverisification of crop portfolio growing season plan
Performance Criteria(P	C) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
Need and types of Safe farming practices	 To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC1. understand the detrimental effects of unsafe farming practices on health and environment PC2. get acquainted with different kinds of safe farming practices that exist and their characterstics PC3. understand the pros and cons of conventional farming vs. organic farming PC4. understand core principles of organic farming
Transition to organic farming	 To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC5. understand the effects of organic farming on costs and revenue PC6. understand the time and effort commitments required for transition to organic farming PC7. understand the phased approach to be taken to transition to organic farming
Diverisification of crop portfolio	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC8. understand the need for multi-cropping in organic farming PC9. create feasible crop portfolios PC10. implement multi-crop projects effectively
Growing season plan	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC11. understand increased crop vulnerability in organic farming PC12. identify seasonal stress on various types of crops PC13. identify right crops for rotation PC14. create yearly plan
Knowledge and Unders	
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: N.A.





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B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Knowledge	KB1. seasonality of various crops
	KB2. appropriate time for planting by taking soil, climatic conditions
	KB3. advantages of crop rotation
	KB4. advantages and disadvantages of intercropping and types of plant to be
	intercropped
	KB5. compatibility of different crops
	KB6. the effects of specific chemicals on health and environment
	KB7. characteristics of Good Agricultural Practices (G.A.P), Natural Farming,
	Organic Farming, Zero Till Farming
	KB8. benefits and trade-offs in organic farming
	KB9. common methods of preparation of organic farming inputs
	KB10. basic financial plan for organic farming breakeven
	KB11. common transition practices being followed
	KB12. steps needed to implement organic principles
	KB13. natural resource use planning
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA1. prepare crop calendar
	Reading Skills
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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB4. plan and organize field operations starting from land preparation to harvesting
	SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever
	necessary Customer Centricity
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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop
	SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit
	SB8. work with organic farming experts
	SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers
	SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach
	Problem Solving
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s)
	SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for various farm
	operations
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation,
	experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action SB15. take up one's own working and learning







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Seed Selection and Treatment under Organic Farming

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about dealing with Crops, Seed, planting material Selection and seed and planting material Treatment for Organic Farming.







Seed Selection & Treatment under Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1202
Unit Title (Task)	Seed Selection and Treatment under Organic Farming
Description	This OS unit is for organic farmer to select the right Combination of crops, variety of seed and planting material and its treatment for organic farming.
Scope	 This unit/task covers the following: selecting crop and companion crops selecting suitable seed variety seed treatment
Performance Criteria(P	C) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
Selecting crop and	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:
companion crops	PC1. identify suitable main crop and its companion crops depending upon the
	suitability of climate and season
	PC2. plan for multi-crop planting as intercrops, mixed crop, relay crop or trap crop
	PC3. keep rotation cycle in mind
	PC4. plan for sowing or planting methodology
Selecting suitable	To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to:
seed variety	PC5. select pest and disease resistant varieties suiting to the given agro-climatic and
	soil situations
	PC6. ensure that seed or planting material is not genetically modified
	PC7. identify vendors for authentic organic seed procurement, if not available on-farm
Seed treatment	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC8. understand the organic practices for seed treatment PC9. identify various bio-inputs that could be used for seed treatment PC10. chalk out seed/ planting material treatment plan with: • bio inputs such as biofertilizers, bio-pesticides • on-farm made seed protecting aids such as Bijamruth • off-farm botanical or organically acceptable chemical alternatives
	 PC11. identify vendors of authentic organic seed treatment inputs PC12. prepare bio-inputs for seed treatment in farm: Bijamruth, botanical alternatives etc PC13. implement seed treatment process appropriately PC14. understand acceptable chemical alternatives, their procurement and use
Knowledge and Unders	· · ·
A. Organizational	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Context	N.A.
(Knowledge of the	
company /	
organization and	
its processes)	







AGR/N1202	Seed Selection & Treatment under Organic Farming
B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Knowledge	KB1. various seed treatment inputs available for organic farming and their benefits
	KB2. methodology for preparation of inputs
	KB3. quantity of process of applying seed treatment
	KB4. various characteristics of seed with their suitability to the location
	KB5. suitability of seeds to organic farming practices
	KB6. demand of various varieties in the market
	KB7. characteristics of seed with their suitability to the location
	KB8. suitability of seeds to organic farming practices
	KB9. resistance of varieties to pests and diseases
	KB10. availability and procurement of off-farm inputs as per need
	KB11. methodology for seed treatment
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA1. prepare crop calendar
	Reading Skills
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the
	newspapers, magazines and books
	SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets
	SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides
	SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and
	product information sheets
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA6. maintain effective working relationships
	SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned
	officers/stakeholders
	SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning
	SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work
	SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative
	action following various field procedures
	SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles
	Plan and Organize
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB4. plan and organize nursery and field procedures starting from land preparation
	to harvesting SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever
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	Customer Centricity
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop
	SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit
	SB8. work with organic farming experts
	SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers
	SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach
	Problem Solving
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s)
	SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for seed
	treatment and nursery bed preparation
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation,
	experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action SB15. take up one's own working and learning







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Soil Nutrient Management under Organic Farming

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about dealing with nutrient management under organic farming ensuring soil fertility.







Soil Nutrient Management under Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1203		
Unit Title (Task)	Soil Nutrient Management under Organic Farming		
Description	This OS unit is about about production of various organic farming inputs and ensuring proper nutrient management for crops under organic farming		
Scope	This unit/task covers the following:Soil activation		
	Soil enhancement		
Performance Criteria(F	PC) w.r.t. the Scope		
Element	Performance Criteria		
Soil activation	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:		
	PC1. understand importance of top soil in organic cultivation		
	PC2. identify various methods of activating microbial activity in top soil		
	PC3. prepare various organic inputs that can increase soil microbial activity		
Soil enhancement	PC4. apply soil activating inputs effectively To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:		
Soli ennancement	PC5. undertake soil testing at authorized centres		
	PC6. understand soil test data for soil amendment and manuring		
	PC7. select appropriate crops suiting to soil condition		
	PC8. calculate nutrient needs based on test report and local crop recommendations		
	PC9. prepare the land to get appropriate tilth		
	PC10. identify various methods adopted in organic farming for building organic matter in soil		
	PC11. grow green manure crop and incorporate biomass		
	PC12. use farmyard manure & mineral fortified compost		
	PC13. use other biomass as mulch or soil cover		
	PC14. prepare vermicompost & vermiwash		
	PC15. prepare dung-urine slurries		
	PC16. prepare biodynamic inputs/compost (BD 500, BD 501, Cow Pat pit etc) PC17. implement various soil enhancement methods effectively:		
	Sanjivak, Jivamrth, Amritpani for microbial enrichment		
	 Vermiwash, panchagavy, cattle dung urine-slurry and protein 		
	hydrolysates for growth promotion		
	Green manuring and biomass recycling		
	PC18. prepare protocols for basal dose application & top dressing		
Knowledge and Under	standing (K)		





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A. Organizational	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Context	N.A.
(Knowledge of the	
company /	
organization and	
its processes)	
B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Knowledge KB1. autorized soil testing centers	
-	KB2. soil test reports and analyzing nutrient needs
	KB3. types of inputs needed in what quantity at different crop stages
	KB4. methods of application, timing and doses of different inputs
	KB5. various organic soil enhancement methods and their effects
	KB6. authentic vendors for soil enhancers, if any
	KB7. production methodologies for different types of composts and other inputs
	KB8. proper application process and schedule
	KB9. various soil activating inputs (jeevamrut, farmyard manure etc.)
	KB10. authentic vendors for soil activating agents, if any
	KB11. preparation methodology for soil activating agents
	KB12. proper application process and schedule for soil activating agents
	KB13. planning for green manuring and biomass recycling methods and strategies
	KB14. various soil activating inputs (jeevamrut, farmyard manure etc.)
	KB15. calculating nutrient needs based on soil test reports
	KB16. making nutrient packages with available resources
	KB17. planning for the need of off-farm inputs and their procurement
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA1. prepare crop calendar
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	Reading Skills
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the
	newspapers, magazines and books
	SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets/soil health cards
	SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides
	SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and
	product information sheets
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA6. maintain effective working relationships
	SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned
	officers/stakeholders







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	SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning		
	SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts		
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work		
	SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative		
	action following various field procedures		
	SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles		
	Plan and Organize		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
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	SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever		
	necessary		
	Customer Centricity		
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	Problem Solving		
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	SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an		
	optimum /best possible solution(s)		
	SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays		
	Analytical Thinking		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for soil nutrient		
	management		
	Critical Thinking		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation,		
	experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action		
	SB15. take up one's own working and learning		







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Weed control under Organic Farming

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about controlling weed in an organic farm.







Weed control under Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1204		
Unit Title (Task)	Weed Control under Organic Farming		
Description	This OS unit is about controlling weed in an organic farm		
Scope	 This unit/task covers the following: identification of weeds weed Management 		
Performance Criteria(P			
Element	Performance Criteria		
Identification of weeds	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC1. identify the types of weed in the crop PC2. maintain records of the weed and share it with experts PC3. explain clearly about the symptoms and get inputs from experts		
Weed Management	 To be competent, the user/individual on the job must while to: PC4. control weeds during ploughing PC5. undertake mechanical/manual weeding process at appropriate time to avoid crop damage PC6. use mulching sheets for cultivation PC7. use bio-herbicides for weed control wherever feasible PC8. use mechanized weed control equipment 		
Knowledge and Unders			
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: N.A.		
B. Technical Knowledge	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KB1. various types of weed KB2. use of different methods to control weeds such as plastic mulch KB3. advantages and disadvantages of different types of weeding methods KB4. critical stages of weed control 		
Skills (S)			
A. Core Skills/ Generic Skills	Writing Skills The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA1. prepare crop calendar		
	Reading Skills		





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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the		
	newspapers, magazines and books		
	SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets		
	SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of weedicides		
	SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and		
	product information sheets		
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SA6. maintain effective working relationships		
	SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned		
	officers/stakeholders		
	SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning		
	SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts		
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work		
	SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative		
	action following various field procedures		
	SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles		
	Plan and Organize		
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to SB4. plan and organize weeding schedules SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever necessary 		
	Customer Centricity		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit		
	SB8. work with organic farming experts		
	SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers		
	SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach Problem Solving		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an		
	optimum /best possible solution(s)		
	SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays		
	Analytical Thinking		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for weeding		
	Critical Thinking		







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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation,
	experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action
	SB15. take up one's own working and learning

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Irrigation Management under Organic Farming

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about dealing with various irrigation methods under organic farming.







Irrigation Management under Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1205		
Unit Title (Task)	Irrigation Management under Organic Farming		
Description			
Scope	This unit/task covers the following:		
	irrigation System		
	proper Irrigation		
Performance Criteria(PC) w.r.t. the Scope			
Element	Performance Criteria		
Irrigation System	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:		
	PC1. identify characteristics of good irrigation systems		
	PC2. identify advantages & disadvantages of irrigation channels and watering through hose, buckets etc		
	PC3. interact with micro irrigation expert and get feedback on the usage of specific		
	applicable irrigation methods to be adopted		
Proper Irrigation	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:		
	PC4. ensure appropriate water supply at various life stages of the crop as per each		
	stage requirement		
	PC5. ensure spread of water in the entire field		
	PC6. ensure proper water drainage		
	PC7. adopt micro irrigation techniques (drip irrigation using appropriate equipments, sprinklers) based on the requirement of specific crops		
	PC8. identify disease due to increase in moisture/water content and take measures		
	to control them		
Knowledge and Unders			
A. Organizational	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:		
Context	N.A.		
(Knowledge of the			
company /			
organization and			
its processes)			
B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:		
Knowledge	KB1. timing and method of irrigation appropriate for a given soil type& climatic		
0	conditions		
	KB2. quantity of water required for the specific crop and its affect on its yield		
	KB3. frequency of irrigation required at various stage of plant growth		
	KB4. different types of irrigation system available		
	KB5. various types of micro irrigation equipments to be used (misters, drippers, sprinklers, foggers, etc)		
	KB6. relative advantages and disadvantages of irrigation equipments		
Skills (S)			





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Α.	Core Skills/	Writing Skills		
Generic Skills		The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA1. prepare crop calendar		
		Reading Skills		
		 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the newspapers, magazines and books SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and product information sheets 		
		Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)		
P	Professional Skills	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA6. maintain effective working relationships SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned officers/stakeholders SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts Decision Making 		
в.	Professional Skills			
		 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative action following various field procedures SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles 		
	Plan and Organize			
		 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB4. plan and organize the irrigation schedule SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever necessary 		
		Customer Centricity		
		The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit SB8. work with organic farming experts SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach Problem Solving		
		The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s)		
		SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays		





AGR/N1205	Irrigation Management under Organic Farming
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for irrigation
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action
	SB15. take up one's own working and learning

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AGR/N1206 farming Integrated Pest and Disease Management under organic

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about dealing with pest and disease management under Organic Farming





Integrated Pest and Disease Management under organic farming



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Unit Code

Unit Title

(Task)

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Integrated Pest and Disease Management under organic

Description	This OS unit is for organic farmer to take up integrated pest and disease management
Description	under organic farming
Scope	This unit/task covers the following:
	pest and disease identification
	 preventive and curative care
Performance Criteria(P	C) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
Pest and disease	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:
Identification	PC1. identify different types of pests
	PC2. identify stages of crop and pest incidence
	PC3. diagnose symptoms and extent of damage
	PC4. understand major crop diseases and identify the specific disease in the crop
	PC5. identify crop stage and disease incidence disease calendar
	PC6. identify early symptoms of various types of diseases
	PC7. understand the different mode of transmissions of disease such as
	implements, vectors, water, rain, wind etc
Preventive and	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:
Curative Care	PC8. use resistant varieties
	PC9. undertake pruning of plant if affected by diseases (if need arises)
	PC10. select resistant varieties
	PC11. perform crop rotation with suitable and recommended crops
	PC12. select suitable crop combinations as intercrops, border crops and trap crops
	PC13. undertake deep ploughing in summer, keep field clean and destroy infested
	plant debris and field sanitation
	PC14. remove alternate hosts such as weeds
	PC15. perform mulching
	PC16. perform mechanical/manual weeding as and when required PC17. use various types of traps (mechanical and manual)
	PC17. Use various types of traps (mechanical and manual) PC18. understand natural enemies of the pest such as lady bird, ground beetles etc
	PC18. understand natural enemies of the pest such as lady bird, ground beetles etc
	PC20. use hoverfly and adopt them for pest control
	PC21. identify various types of bio-pesticides and their vendors
	PC22. prepare different bio-pesticides at farm
	PC23. use various botanical extracts for different types of pest & diseases
	PC24. apply recommended dose of bio-inputs at appropriate time & interval
	PC25. use chemical alternatives acceptable in organic farming
Knowledge and Unders	standing (K)







AGR/N1206 Farming	Integrated Pest and Disease Management under Organic		
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: N.A.		
B. Technical Knowledge	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KB1. mixed cropping techniques and trap crops for pests KB2. natural enemies of pests KB3. various mechanical control (traps, sticky plates etc) KB4. advantages of biological control of insects, pest & diseases KB5. bio-pesticides, preparation and application KB6. record keeping system KB7. safety measures and first aid KB8. handling tools and equipment 		
Skills (S)			
A. Core Skills/ Generic Skills	Writing Skills The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA1. prepare crop calendar		
	Reading Skills The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the newspapers, magazines and books SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and product information sheets Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)		
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA6. maintain effective working relationships SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned officers/stakeholders SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts 		
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making		
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative action following various field procedures SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles 		







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Farming	
	Plan and Organize
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB4. plan and organize pest & disease preventive actions
	SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever necessary
	Customer Centricity
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit
	SB8. work with organic farming experts SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach
	Problem Solving
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s) SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for pest & disease management
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action
	SB15. take up one's own working and learning







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Harvest and Post-harvest management under Organic Farming

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about dealing with harvest and post-harvest management of produce under Organic Farming.







Harvest and Post-harvest management under Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1207
Unit Title (Task)	Harvest and Post-harvest management under Organic Farming
Description	This OS unit is about harvest and post-harvest management of produce under organic farming
Scope	 This unit/task covers the following: harvesting storage & post harvest management
Performance Criteria(P	C) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
Harvesting	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC1. identify the appropriate harvesting method PC2. harvest the crop at appropriate stage PC3. harvest the crop at right time PC4. harvest the crop based on use and distance from the market
Storage & post harvest management	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC5. undertake grading of the crops PC6. maintain ideal storage condition PC7. use organically acceptable fumigation systems during storage PC8. use cold storage facility PC9. undertake packaging as per the requirement of the client/buyer PC10. transport organic produce as detailed by the client/buyer PC11. undertake marketing of the crop
Knowledge and Unders	standing (K)
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: N.A.
B. Technical Knowledge	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KB1. harvesting based on demand of type in the market KB2. ideal time of harvest (climatic conditions, distance from the market) KB3. proper harvesting methods KB4. grading of crop based on size, color and quality KB5. packaging of crop with appropriate material and method KB6. ideal storage condition (temperature, moisture, etc) KB7. market rates of the crop
Skills (S)	







A	GR/N1207	Harvest and Post-harvest management under Organic Farming
Α.	Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills		The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA1. prepare crop calendar
		Reading Skills
		 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the newspapers, magazines and books SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and product information shoets
		product information sheets Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
В.	Professional Skills	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA6. maintain effective working relationships SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned officers/stakeholders SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts
		 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative action following various field procedures SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles
		Plan and Organize
		The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB4. plan and organize harvest & post-harvest schedule for different crops SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever necessary
		Customer Centricity
		The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit SB8. work with organic farming experts SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach Problem Solving
		The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
		SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s)
		SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays





AGR/N1207	Harvest and Post-harvest management under Organic Farming
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for produce grading & packaging
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action SB15. take up one's own working and learning

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AGR/N1208 Farming Undertake Quality Assurance and Certification in Organic

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about quality assurance and certification in Organic Farming.







AGR/N1208 Farming

Undertake Quality Assurance and Certification in Organic

Unit Code	AGR /N1208
Unit Title	Undertake Quality assurance & Certification in Organic Farming
(Task)	Ondertake Quality assurance & Certification in Organic Farming
Description	This OS unit is for organic farmer to know about Quality assurance and certification
	in organic farming.
Scope	This unit/task covers the following:
	Third party certification process
	Risk management in compliance of standards
	Participatory guarantee system
	 Documentation in third party and PGS certification Documents peeded for sale of organic produce and traceability
	Documents needed for sale of organic produce and traceability
	teria(PC) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
Third Party	To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to:
Certification proc	
	party certification & Participatory guarantee systems
	PC2. identify procedures and timelines for applying for certification
	PC3. understand quality checks (one-time and recurring) for obtaining and
	maintaining certification
	PC4. study the organic standards in detail for every aspect of farming, including
	storage, transport and sale
	PC5. comply with the standards related to farm facilities and production methods
	PC6. maintain detailed farm history and current set-up, and usually including
	results of soil and water tests.
	PC7. submit application to the certification agency in the prescribed format with
	necessary farm and process details
	PC8. submit a written annual production plan detailing everything from seed to
	sale: seed sources, field and crop locations, fertilization and pest control
	activities, harvest methods, storage locations, etc
	PC9. sign agreement with certification body
	PC10. adhere to the standards recommended by the certification body
	PC11. pay fee to the certification body for annual surveillance and for facilitating a
	mark which is acceptable in the market as symbol of quality
	PC12. schedule annual on-farm inspections with a physical tour, examination of
	records, and an oral interview
	PC13. maintain day-to-day farming and marketing records, covering all activities
	PC14. make available the documents & records for inspection as and when required
	PC16. ensure to follow-up for certification after the inspection







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Farming	PC17. release the stock for sale with Certification Mark (India Organic Logo) only after certification is granted
Risk management in compliance of standards	To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to:PC18. understand procedure for risk assessmentPC19. undertake parallel and split production, part conversionPC20. use machine tools averting contaminationPC21. use water for irrigation averting contaminationPC22. prevent contamination by water and air driftPC23. document risk management initiatives
Participatory guarantee system	To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to: PC24. understand PGS certification system in brief PC25. adhere to the basic requirements for PGS group formation PC26. maintain documentation for group making, PGS pledge PC27. adopt PGS standards PC28. participate regularly in meetings and share vision & operational issues PC29. keep transparency and horizontality in operation
Documentation in third party and PGS certification	 To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to: PC30. understand basic documentations on field history PC31. maintain field/ farm, diary PC32. maintain internal inspection sheets and peer appraisals PC33. plan and execute external audit and peer appraisals PC34. analyze external inspection and analyze peer appraisals and decision making PC35. submit season end summary sheet with certification decisions to Regional Council and revision of decision if required in PGS PC36. certification decision PC37. distribute scope certificate
Documents needed for sale of organic produce and traceability	To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to: PC38. understand the process of production trail for traceability PC39. maintain documents for traceability PC40. use transaction certificates for sale PC41. ensure traceability in Third party certification/PGS
Knowledge and Unders	standing (K)







AGR/N1208 Farming	Undertake Quality Assurance and Certification in Organic
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: N.A.
B. Technical Knowledge	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KB1. systems of TPC and PGS KB2. organic production standards KB3. procedures in TPC and PGS KB4. benefits and limitations of TPC and PGS KB5. documentation and external audit KB6. certification and traceability KB7. procedures and applicability KB8. peer appraisal KB9. certification and traceability
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/ Generic Skills	Writing Skills The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA1. prepare cop calendar SA2. prepare annual production plan SA3. write application letter Reading Skills
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA4. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the newspapers, magazines and books SA5. read relevant newspapers/booklets SA6. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides SA7. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and product information sheets Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA8. maintain effective working relationships SA9. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned officers/stakeholders SA10. understand information and grasp its meaning SA11. seek advice from senior people / experts
B. Professional Skills	Decision MakingThe user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:SB1.make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of workSB2.identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative







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	action following various field procedures
	SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles
	Plan and Organize
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB4. plan and organize nursery and field procedures starting from land preparation to harvesting SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever
	necessary Customer Centricity
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit SB8. work with organic farming experts SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach
	Problem Solving
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s) SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for farm management
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action SB15. take up one's own working and learning







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Undertake Business of Organic Farming

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Overview

This unit is about dealing with different business aspects of Organic Farming







Undertake Business of Organic Farming

Unit Code	AGR /N1209		
Unit Title (Task)	Undertake Business of Organic Farming		
Description	This OS unit is for organic farmer to understand different business opportunities and requirements for organic farming		
Scope	This unit/task covers the following:		
	economics of organic farming		
	 Connecting with the market and market intelligence Attempting direct marketing 		
Performance Criteria(P	C) w.r.t. the Scope		
Element	Performance Criteria		
Economics of organic	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:		
farming	PC1. understand cost and revenue trends in organic farming		
	PC2. understand the cost benefit analysis of a phased organic farming plan PC3. understand govt. subsidies and benefits available for organic farming		
Connecting with the	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:		
market and market intelligence	PC4. acess market intelligence and demand for organic produce and plan accordingly		
intelligence	PC5. understand export oriented strategy vs local dema		
	PC6. understand the consumers choice in quality and packing		
	PC7. understand own strengths and focussing on it		
	PC8. undertake farm-level value addition		
	PC9. undertake collective marketing by farmer groups		
	PC10. understand branding advantages of organic produce		
	PC11. identify major channels for sales of organic produce including physical and online		
	PC12. maintain networking with retail chains and bulk buyers		
	PC13. create direct connect with consumers		
	PC14. use on-line market intelligence tools		
Attempting direct	To be competent, the individual on the job must be able to:		
marketing	PC15. target consumer based on SEC segmentation		
	PC16. organize of local haats		
	PC17. release publicity literature and campaigns		
	PC18. provide information on quality and benefits of organic foods		
	PC19. demonstrate quality procedures and documents		
	PC20. keep presence in area for long term		
	PC21. convince consumers to register for regular supplies		
	PC22. create a system for weekly supplies in Box		
Knowledge and Unders	standing (K)		
Knowledge and Onders			





AGR/N1209	Undertake Business of organic farming		
A. Organizational	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:		
Context	N.A.		
(Knowledge of the			
company /			
organization and			
its processes)			
B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:		
Knowledge	KB1. items of cost in organic farming		
	KB2. revenue trends in organic farming		
	KB3. breakeven analysis		
	KB4. list of govt. schemes		
	KB5. Market trends and consumers choices		
	KB6. Market intelligence based strategy modifications		
	KB7. Connecting consumers with long term planning		
	KB8. Disseminating the benefits of organic food		
	KB9. organic produce market demand and prices		
	KB10. major branding methods of organic produce		
	KB11. major retailers, wholesalers and online marketplaces for organic produce		
	KB12. individual vs group marketing long term benefits		
Skills (S)			
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills		
Generic Skills			
	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SA1. prepare cop calendar		
	Reading Skills		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SA2. get updated about the latest technique in organic farming by reading the		
	newspapers, magazines and books		
	SA3. read relevant newspapers/booklets		
	SA4. read the hazards of use and contamination written on the labels of pesticides		
	SA5. keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and		
	product information sheets		
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SA6. maintain effective working relationships		
	SA7. communicate clearly and effectively with other organic farmers, concerned		
	officers/stakeholders		
	SA8. understand information and grasp its meaning		
	SA9. seek advice from senior people / experts		
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB1. make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work		







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	SB2. identify problems that may arise in carrying out tasks and take preventative
	action following various field procedures
	SB3. follow basic arithmetic and algebraic principles
	Plan and Organize
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to SB4. plan and organize nursery and field procedures starting from land preparation to harvesting SB5. organize meetings / demonstrations with Agricultural Departments whenever necessary
	Customer Centricity
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. participate in organic farming exhibition/seminar/workshop SB7. attend and make use of exposure visit SB8. work with organic farming experts SB9. manage relationships with laborers and other co-farmers SB10. build relationships and use human centric approach
	Problem Solving
	 The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB11. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and adopt an optimum /best possible solution(s) SB12. identify problems immediately and take up solutions quickly to resolve delays Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB13. monitor and maintain the material and equipment required for v seed treatment and nursery bed preparation
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB14. apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action SB15. take up one's own working and learning







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Maintain Health & Safety at the workplace

National Occupational Standard



Overview

This unit is about dealing with health and safety of the farmers and co workers at workplace







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	aid equipment as appropriate
	PC15. report details of first aid administered in accordance with workplace
	procedures.
Knowledge and Unders	tanding (K)
A. Maintain clean	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
and efficient	KA 1. personal hygiene and fitness requirements
workplace	KA 2. your general duties under the relevant health and safety legislation
•	KA 3. what personal protective equipment and clothing should be worn and how it is
	cared for
	KA 4. the correct and safe way to use materials and equipment required for your
	work KA 5. the importance of good housekeeping in the workplace
	KA 5. the importance of good housekeeping in the workplace
	KA 7. methods for minimizing environmental damage during work
B. Render	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
appropriate	KA 8. the risks to health and safety and the measures to be taken to control those
emergency	risks in your area of work
procedures	KA 9. workplace procedures and requirements for the treatment of workplace
procedures	injuries/illnesses.
	KA 10. basic emergency first aid procedure
	KA 11. local emergency services
	KA 12. why accidents, incidents and problems should be reported and the
Skille (S)	appropriate action to take
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	The user/ ndividual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA1. mention the data which are required for record keeping purpose
	SA2. report problems to the appropriate personnel in a timely manner
	SA3. write descriptions and details about incidents in reports
	Reading Skills
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA4. read instruction manual for hand tool and equipments
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA5. communicate clearly and effectively with others like farmers, concerned
	officer/stakeholders
	SA6. comprehends information shared by senior people and experts
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB1. make decisions pertaining to types of tools to be used



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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB3. schedule daily activities and drawing up priorities; allocate start times, estimation of completion times and materials, equipment and assistance required for completion.
	Customer Centricity
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB4. manage relationships with co-workers and managers of the who may be stressed, frustrated, confused or angry
	Problem Solving
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB5. think through the problem, evaluate the possible solutions and take up optimum / best solutions
	Analytical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB5. monitor and maintain the condition of tools and equipment
	SB6. assess situation & identify appropriate control measures
	Critical Thinking
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB7. take up his own working and learning
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Annexure

Nomenclature for QP and NOS

Qualifications Pack







The following acronyms/codes have been used in the nomenclature above:

Sub-sector	Range of Occupation numbers
Agriculture Crop Production	01-40
Dairying	41 - 42
Poultry	43 – 44
Animal Husbandry	45 – 48
Fisheries	49 – 51
Agriculture Allied Activities	52 – 60
Forestry, Environment and Renewable Energy Management	61 - 70
Agriculture Industries	71 – 90
Generic Occupations	96 - 99

Sequence	Description	Example
Three letters	Industry name	AGR
Slash	/	/
Next letter	Whether Q P or N OS	Q or N
Next two numbers	Occupation code	01
Next two numbers	OS number	01

Note:

- The range of occupation numbers have been decided based on the number of existing and future occupations in a segment
- Occupation numbers from 91 95 have been intentionally left blank to accommodate any emerging segment in future





CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF TRAINEES

<u>Job Role</u>	Organic Grower
Qualification Pack	AGR/Q1201

Sector Skill Council Agriculture

Guidelines for Assessment:

1. Criteria for assessment for each Qualification Pack will be created by the Sector Skill Council. Each Performance Criteria (PC) will be assigned marks proportional to its importance in NOS. SSC will also lay down proportion of marks for Theory and Skills Practical for each PC.

2. The assessment for the theory part will be based on knowledge bank of questions created by the SSC.

3. Individual assessment agencies will create unique question papers for theory part for each candidate at each examination/training center (as per assessment criteria below)

4. Individual assessment agencies will create unique evaulations for skill practical for every student at each examination/training center based on this criteria

5. To pass the Qualification Pack , every trainee should score a minimum of 70% in aggregate

6. In case of successfully passing only certain number of NOS's, the trainee is eligible to take subsequent assessment on the balance NOS's to pass the Qualification Pack.

NOSs	Element		Total Mark	Out Of	Marks Allocation	
1033	Liement	PCs	(1200)		Theory	Skills Practical
1.AGR/N1201	Need and	PC1. understand the detrimental effects				
Undertake	types of Safe	of unsafe farming practices on health				
planning for	farming	and environment		5	2	3
Organic	practices	PC2.get acquainted with different kinds				
Farming		of safe farming pracitces that exist and				
		their characterstics		5	2	3
		PC3.understand the pros and cons of				
		conventional farming vs. organic				
		farming		10	5	5
		PC4.understand core principles of				
		organic farming		10	5	5
	Transition to	PC5.understand the effects of organic				
	organic	farming on costs and revenue	120	15	7	8
	farming	PC6.understand the time and effort				
		commitments required for transition to				
		organic farming		5	3	2
		PC7.understand the phased approach to				
		be taken to transition to organic				
		farming		5	3	2
	Diverisificatio	PC8.understand the need for multi-				
	n of crop	cropping in organic farming		10	5	5
	portfolio	PC9.create feasible crop portfolios		10	5	5
		PC10.implement multi-crop projects	1			
		effectively		10	5	5





-	Growing	PC11.understand increased crop			≈ I	
	season plan	vulnerability in organic farming		5	2	3
		PC12.identify seasonal stress on various		5	2	5
		types of crops		10	5	5
		PC13.identify right crops for rotation		10	5	5
		PC14.create yearly plan		10	6	4
		•		120	60	60
2.AGR/N1202 Seed Selection	Selecting crop and	PC1.identify suitable main crop and its companion crops depending upon the				
and Treatment	companion	suitability of climate and season		15	9	6
under Organic	crops	PC2.plan for multi-crop planting as				
Farming		intercrops, mixed crop, relay crop or				
		trap crop		10	5	5
		PC3.keep rotation cycle in mind		5	2	3
		PC4.plan for sowing or planting				
		methodology		10	5	5
	Selecting	PC5.select pest and disease resistant				
	suitable seed	varieties suiting to the given agro-				
	variety	climatic and soil situations		5	3	2
		PC6.ensure that seed or planting				
		material is not genetically modified		5	2	3
		PC7.identify vendors for authentic				
		organic seed procurement, if not				
		available on-farm		5	2	3
	Seed	PC8. understand the organic practices		40	-	-
	treatment	for seed treatment	120	10	5	5
		PC9.identify various bio-inputs that could be used for seed treatment		5	3	2
		PC10.chalk out seed/ planting material			5	2
		treatment plan with:				
		 bio inputs such as biofertilizers, bio- 				
		pesticides				
		 on-farm made seed protecting aids 				
		such as Bijamruth				
		• off-farm botanical or organically				
		acceptable chemical alternatives		15	6	9
		PC11.identify vendors of authentic				
		organic seed treatment inputs		5	3	2
		PC12.prepare bio-inputs for seed				
		treatment in farm: Bijamruth, botanical				
		alternatives etc		10	5	5
		PC13.implement seed treatment				
		process appropriately		10	5	5
		PC14.understand acceptable chemical				
		alternatives, their procurement and use		10	5	5
				120	60	60
3.AGR/N1203	Soil	PC1.understand importance of top soil				
Soil Nutrient	activation	in organic cultivation				
Management			180	5	2	3
under Organic		PC2.identify various methods of		5	۷	3
Farming		activating microbial activity in top soil		10	5	5
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		PC3.prepare various organic inputs that		10	_	
		can increase soil microbial activity		10	5	
		PC4.apply soil activating inputs		10	_	
		effectively		10	5	
	Soil enhancement	PC5.undertake soil testing at authorized centres		10	5	
		PC6.understand soil test data for soil				
		amendment and manuring		5	2	
		PC7.select appropriate crops suiting to				
		soil condition		10	5	
		PC8.calculate nutrient needs based on				
		test report and local crop				
		recommendations		10	5	
		PC9.prepare the land to get appropriate				
		tilth		5	3	
		PC10.identify various methods adopted				
		in organic farming for building organic				
		matter in soil		10	5	
		PC11.grow green manure crop and				
		incorporate biomass		10	5	
		PC12.use farmyard manure & mineral				
		fortified compost		10	5	
		PC13.use other biomass as mulch or soil		10	-	
		cover		10	5	
		PC14.prepare vermicompost &		45	-	
		vermiwash		15	7	
		PC15.prepare dung-urine slurries		5	3	
		PC16.prepare biodynamic				
		inputs/compost (BD 500, BD 501, Cow				
		Pat pit etc)		15	8	
		PC17.implement various soil				
		enhancement methods effectively:				
		Sanjivak, Jivamrth, Amritpani for				
		microbial enrichment				
		Vermiwash, panchagavy, cattle dung				
		urine-slurry and protein hydrolysates				
		for growth promotion				
		Green manuring and biomass		1 5	7	
		recycling PC18.prepare protocols for basal dose		15	7	
		application & top dressing		15	8	
		application & top dressing				
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4.AGR/N1204 Weed control	Identification of weeds	PC1.identify the types of weed in the		20	10	
under Organic	of weeds	crop PC2.maintain records of the weed and		20	10	
Farming		share it with experts		10	5	
ranning		PC3.explain clearly about the symptoms		10	5	
		and get inputs from experts	120	15	7	
	Weed	PC4.control weeds during ploughing	120	15	7	
	Management	PC5.undertake mechanical/manual		13	/	
		weeding process at appropriate time to				
		avoid crop damage		20	10	
		PC6.use mulching sheets for cultivation	1	15	8	
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		PC7.use bio-herbicides for weed control		10	F	F
		wherever feasible PC8.use mechanized weed control	-	10	5	5
		equipment		15	8	7
				120	60	60
5.AGR/N1205	Irrigation	PC1.identify characteristics of good		120		
Irrigation	System	irrigation systems		15	7	8
Management	,	PC2.identify advantages &	-			
under Organic		disadvantages of irrigation channels and				
Farming		watering through hose, buckets etc		15	8	7
		PC3.interact with micro irrigation expert				
		and get feedback on the usage of				
		specific applicable irrigation methods to				
		be adopted	-	10	5	5
	Proper	PC4.ensure appropriate water supply at				
	Irrigation	various life stages of the crop as per	120	20	10	10
		each stage requirement PC5.ensure spread of water in the		20	10	10
		entire field		15	7	8
		PC6.ensure proper water drainage	-			
			-	10	5	5
		PC7.adopt micro irrigation techniques				
		(drip irrigation using appropriate equipments, sprinklers) based on the				
		requirement of specific crops		20	10	10
		PC8.identify disease due to increase in	-	20	10	10
		moisture/water content and take				
		measures to control them		15	7	8
				120	59	61
6.AGR/N1206	Pest and	PC1.identify different types of pests				-
Integrated	disease			5	2	3
Pest and	Identification	PC2.identify stages of crop and pest incidence		10	5	5
Disease		PC3.diagnose symptoms and extent of	-	10	5	5
Management		damage		10	5	5
under Organic		PC4.understand major crop diseases	-			
Farming		and identify the specific disease in the				
		crop		10	5	5
		PC5.identify crop stage and disease				
		incidence disease calendar		5	2	3
		PC6.identify early symptoms of various				
		types of diseases	180	10	5	5
		PC7. understand the different mode of	100			
		transmissions of disease such as				
		implements, vectors, water, rain, wind		2	4	2
	Droventive	etc	-	3	1	2
	Preventive and Curative	PC8.use resistant varieties	4	5	3	2
	Care	PC9.undertake pruning of plant if		-	n	2
	Care	affected by diseases (if need arises)	4	5	3	2
		PC10.select resistant varieties	-	8	4	4
		PC11.perform crop rotation with		_	2	-
		suitable and recommended crops	-	5	3	2
		PC12.select suitable crop combinations as intercrops, border crops and trap		5	3	2
	l	as intercrops, border crops and trap		5	5	۷.





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Organic		for applying for certification
Farming		PC3.understand quality checks (one-
		time and recurring) for obtaining and
		maintaining certification
		PC4.study the organic standards in
		detail for every aspect of farming,
		including storage, transport and sale
		PC5.comply with the standards related
		to farm facilities and production
		methods
		PC6.maintain detailed farm history and
		current set-up, and usually including
		results of soil and water tests.
		PC7.submit application to the
		certification agency in the prescribed
		format with necessary farm and process
		details
		PC8.submit a written annual production
		plan detailing everything from seed to
		sale: seed sources, field and crop
		locations, fertilization and pest control
		activities, harvest methods, storage locations, etc
		PC9.sign agreement with certification
		body
		PC10.adhere to the standards
		recommended by the certification body
		PC11.pay fee to the certification body
		for annual surveillance and for
		facilitating a mark which is acceptable in
		the market as symbol of quality
		PC12.schedule annual on-farm
		inspections with a physical tour,
		examination of records, and an oral
		interview
		PC13.maintain day-to-day farming and
		marketing records, covering all activities
		PC14.make available the documents &
		records for inspection as and when
		required
		PC15.comply to non-compliances, if any
		raised by the certification body
		PC16.ensure to follow-up for
		certification after the inspection
		PC17.release the stock for sale with
		Certification Mark (India Organic Logo)
		only after certification is granted
	Risk	PC18.understand procedure for risk
	management	assessment
	in compliance	PC19.undertake parallel and split
	of standards	production, part conversion
		PC20.use machine tools averting
	1	contamination



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		PC21.use water for irrigation averting contamination		2
		PC22.prevent contamination by water		
		and air drift		2
		PC23.document risk management initiatives		2
	Participatory	PC24.understand PGS certification		-
	guarantee	system in brief		5
	system	PC25.adhere to the basic requirements		2
		for PGS group formation		3
		PC26.maintain documentation for group		2
		making, PGS pledge		3
		PC27.adopt PGS standards		2
		PC28.participate regularly in meetings		
		and share vision & operational issues		2
		PC29.keep transparency and		
		horizontality in operation		2
	Documentati	PC30.understand basic documentations		
	on in third	on field history		2
	party and	PC31.maintain field/ farm, diary		5
	PGS	PC32.maintain internal inspection		
	certification	sheets and peer appraisals		2
		PC33.plan and execute external audit		
		and peer appraisals		3
		PC34.analyze external inspection and		
		analyze peer appraisals and decision		
		making		3
		PC35.submit season end summary sheet		
		with certification decisions to Regional		
		Council and revision of decision if		
		required in PGS		3
		PC36.certification decision		3
		PC37.distribute scope certificate		3
	Documents	PC38.understand the process of		
	needed for	production trail for traceability		1
	sale of	PC39.maintain documents for		
	organic	traceability		1
	produce and	PC40.use transaction certificates for		
	traceability	sale		2
		PC41.ensure traceability in Third party		
		certification/PGS		10
				120
9.AGR/N1209	Economics of	PC1.understand cost and revenue		
Undertake	organic	trends in organic farming		
Business of	farming			4
Organic		PC2.understand the cost benefit		4
Farming		analysis of a phased organic farming	60	
		plan	00	4
		PC3.understand govt. subsidies and		•
		benefits available for organic farming		2
	Connecting	PC4.acess market intelligence and		
	with the	demand for organic produce and plan		2



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		market and	accordingly		
		market	PC5.understand export oriented		
		intelligence	strategy vs local demand		4
			PC6.understand the consumers choice		
			in quality and packing		2
			PC7.understand own strengths and		
			focussing on it		2
			PC8.undertake farm-level value addition		2
			PC9.undertake collective marketing by		
			farmer groups		2
			PC10.understand branding advantages		
			of organic produce		2
			PC11.identify major channels for sales		
			of organic produce including physical		
			and online		2
			PC12.maintain networking with retail		
			chains and bulk buyers		2
			PC13.create direct connect with		
			consumers		2
			PC14.use on-line market intelligence		2
		Attensation	tools		2
		Attempting direct	PC15.target consumer based on SEC		
		marketing	segmentation		4
		marketing	PC16.organize of local haats		2
			PC17.release publicity literature and		
			campaigns		1
			PC18.provide information on quality		
			and benefits of organic foods		3
			PC19.demonstrate quality procedures		
			and documents		4
			PC20.keep presence in area for long		
			term		4
			PC21.convince consumers to register for		
			regular supplies		4
			PC22.create a system for weekly		
ŀ			supplies in Box		4
ļ					60
			PC1. undertake basic safety checks		
			before operation of all machinery and vehicles and hazards are reported to the		
			appropriate supervisor		5
			PC2. work for which protective clothing		
	10.		or equipment is required is identified		
	AGR/N9903	Maintaining	and the appropriate protective clothing		
	Maintain	clean and	or equipment is used in performing	60	
ļ	Health and	efficient	these duties in accordance with		
	safety at the	workplace	workplace policy.		5
	workplace		PC3. read and understand the hazards		
			of use and contamination mentioned on		
			the labels of pesticides/fumigants etc		5
			PC4. assess risks prior to performing		
l			manual handling jobs, and work		4



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		administered in accordance with workplace procedures.		3	2	1
		PC15. report details of first aid				
		appropriate		3	2	1
		store the first aid equipment as				
		inspect/test, refurbish, replace and				
		PC14. recover (if practical), clean,			-	_
procedures	recognized first aid techniques		4	2	2	
	procedures	the patient's injuries in accordance with				
	Render appropriate emergency	PC13. provide treatment appropriate to				
		requirements		5	3	2
		specifications and workplace				
		accordance with manufacturers'				
		PC12. use emergency equipment in		,		
		requirements		3	1	2
		company standard / workplace				
		PC11. follow emergency procedures to		<u>т</u>	۲	<u> </u>
		directions to emergency.		4	2	2
		including communicating location and				
		with accidents, fires and emergencies,				
		PC10. follow procedures for dealing		5	-	-
		danger.		3	1	2
		immediate action to reduce further				
		appropriate person and take necessary				
		problems without delay to an				
		PC9. report any accidents, incidents or		~		
		controlling risk are followed closely.		3	1	2
		all procedures and work instructions for				
		which minimizes environmental damage				
		PC8. perform your work in a manner		•		
		with jobs in the workplace		4	2	2
		take action to reduce risk associated				
		PC7. recognise risks to bystanders and			2	2
		correctly in a designated area		4	2	2
		PC6. dispose of waste safely and		5		
		to designated storage when not in use		5	3	2
		safely and correctly and return the same				
		PC5. use equipment and materials				
		safe practice.			1	1