



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) - AFRICA AGRIBUSINESS QUALIFICATION (AAQ-2) PROGRAM**

### **What is the Africa Agribusiness Qualification (AAQ-2)?**

The Africa Agribusiness Qualification (AAQ-2) is a program that seeks to address technical skills development in the African agricultural sector in order to ensure sustainable agriculture development. The program is targeted at participants who are enthusiastic about contributing to Africa's Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 of the United Nations. It is funded by the AGCO Agriculture Foundation, implemented by AGCO in Africa, and hosted by the Gordon Institute of Business Science in partnership with Harper Adams University and the CEREALIS Technology Institute.

### **Is the course accredited?**

Yes, part of the program delivered by the GIBS is accredited. Further Education and Training Certificate - Generic Management (NQF 4).

### **How much does the course cost?**

All tuition fees, accommodation and subsistence during in contact training are covered by courtesy of the AGCO Agriculture Foundation.

### **How do I apply for the course?**

To apply for this program, click on the following link - <https://www.agcofoundation.org/AAQ>

### **What are the entry requirements for the course?**

The following are the eligibility requirements for applicants:

- Minimum Matric or equivalent (NQF Level 4) with a proficiency in English and maths, and computer literacy
- Must hold a South African ID or Work Permit
- Minimum of 3 years work experience in Agricultural or allied industry

- Work experience within a sales or technical environment will be an advantage
- Commitment to the part-time one-year program

### When is the closing date for application?

The application for the AAQ-2 closes on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2021.

### What is the duration of the program?

The duration of the program is one year part-time (12 months).

### How will each module be conducted?

Modules will consist of virtual lectures (theory), and/or practical training. The 12-month program will consist of the six modules below, and a technical session.

<b>CORE</b>		
Module 1	<b>Ethical Leadership, Personal Development &amp; Introduction to Business</b>	GIBS(Online delivery)
Module 2	<b>Enterprise, Marketing &amp; Business Skills</b>	GIBS (Online delivery)
Module 3	<b>Farm Business Management and Policy</b>	GIBS (Online delivery)
Module 4	<b>Crop Production Systems, Nutrition &amp; Protection</b>	Harper Adams University (Online delivery)
Module 5	<b>Agricultural Science</b>	Harper Adams University (Online delivery)
Module 6	<b>Introduction to Digital &amp; Precision Agriculture</b>	Cerealis Technology Institute (Residential)
<b>ELECTIVES (Technical)</b>		
<b>SALES TRAINING</b>		
Module 1	<b>Sales and Customer Service</b>	Harper Adams University, AGCO (Online& Residential)
<b>TECHNICAL TRAINING</b>		
Module 1	<b>Hydraulic Power for Agricultural Machines</b>	Harper Adams University, AGCO (Online& Residential)
Module 2	<b>Electrical Power for Agricultural Machines</b>	Harper Adams University, AGCO (Online& Residential)

### How will I be assessed if selected for the program?

Depending on the module, participants will undertake continuous assessments and sit a final exam at the end of the module. Other methods of assessments include case studies review, practical assessments, presentations and projects.

**Can I apply to attend the course if I live outside South Africa?**

Due to the hybrid nature of course delivery including practical training in South Africa, only residents of South Africa are eligible to apply.

**Will I have to attend any classes?**

Yes. 100% attendance is required in order to successfully complete the program and obtain the General Management (NQF 4) certificate as well as the technical training certificate.

**Will there be someone to help me with my studies if I'm selected?**

The delivery partners of the different modules will afford participants the necessary support they require in their studies.

**How will I get my study material if selected for the program?**

Study material will be available on the Gordon Business Institute learner management platform known as Aspire/Blackboard which participants will have access to upon enrolment into the program.

**Will I get a job with the partners when I finish the course?**

A job offer is not part of the program.

**Do I need to pay for my accommodation, meals and transport from accommodation to training facility during practical modules?**

No. This will be completely covered.

**Will I receive any remuneration during the course?**

No since this is a part-time program, participants will not receive any remuneration.

**What do I get at the end of the course?**

Upon successful completion, participants will receive a Further Education and Training Certificate - Generic Management (NQF 4), and certificate of completion for the technical training.