

CERTIFIED IRRIGATION AGRONOMIST

Welcome to Irrigation Australia's Certification Program

If you're a practising agronomist and have particular skills in irrigation, then you may be eligible to become a Certified Irrigation Agronomist (CIA). You'll most likely have a qualification in another discipline such as agriculture, horticulture or agronomy. You currently provide advice to end-users on system types, purchase and use. You may also troubleshoot, evaluate and audit irrigation systems. This certification grants you a point of difference in the market and a Certified Irrigation Agronomist is highly regarded by customers to provide a service that meets or exceeds the average industry standards.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

To apply for this certification, you'll need to be actively working in the industry, plus have **three (3)** years relevant experience that includes:

- ▶ Working as an adviser
- ▶ Working as a consultant
- ▶ Working as an Irrigation systems Manager

Desirable: Qualifications in agriculture, horticulture, agronomy or irrigation.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO BEST PRACTICE

Once you become a Certified Irrigation Agronomist, you'll need to keep your skills and knowledge current by participating in a range of irrigation-related activities. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Points will be earned for each type of activity and at the end of **one (1)** year, you must have obtained **five (5)** CPD points and paid the renewal invoice by the due date in order for your certification to remain active.

HOW TO APPLY

Attach sighted copies* of your Statement of Attainment or academic transcript and return to Irrigation Australia with the certification fee.

*Sighted copies are those that are verified by a JP as an accurate copy of the original. Please do not send originals.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

To become a Certified Irrigation Agronomist, you'll need to prove that you can meet **six (6)** of the following **nine (9)** competencies:

1. **AHCIRG402:** Determine hydraulic parameters for an irrigation system
2. **AHCIRG404:** Implement an irrigation-related environmental protection program
3. **AHCIRG408:** Schedule irrigations
4. **AHCIRG410:** Select and manage pumping systems for irrigation
5. **AHCIRG501:** Audit irrigation systems
6. **AHCIRG502:** Design irrigation system maintenance and monitoring programs
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Other Statements of Attainment that have similar skills and knowledge will be considered.

CERTIFICATION FEES

	Application Fee	Renewal Fee
Member	\$345	\$290
Non-Member	\$515	\$440

*Fees subject to change in 2025.