



National Vocational Certificate Level 5inSeed Processing & Biotechnology

(Seed Processing Plant Technician)



(Curriculum)

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Introduction

Definition/Description of training program (Seed Processing Plant Technician)

Increasing demand in food supply due to increase in population putting pressure on agriculture sector day by day. Many factors like poor cultivation methods, lack of advanced machineries and non-availability of quality inputs also a big challenge for agriculture sector to feed this growing population. Therefore, governing bodies are now focusing for boosting production of better quality with high yield of agriculture commodities. Among the various challenges, availability of quality seeds to the farming community also a big challenge for authorities. Seed as a key for successful farming have prime importance in agriculture sector. Fortunately, industry is creating space for new businesses where Seed Processing & Biotechnology have potential for becoming focal point for investors.

Seed processing is a vital part of the technology to produce quality seeds for farming community, which includes operation involved in harvesting, cleaning, drying, seed treatments, seed quality testing, packaging and storage. Properly processed seed is a guaranty for high production rate of crops. Currently working seed processing units are also not producing satisfactory results. Limitation for their success includes various factors, among these factors availability of skilled labor is a major concern.

Keeping in view of the above, NAVTTC developed a qualification which is based on seed processing operations carried out in advanced processing industry. techniques. This competency based national vocational qualifications have been developed to train the unskilled human resource on the technical and entrepreneurial skills to be employed / self-employed and inevitably set sustainable impact on their lives by increasing their livelihood income which ultimately help agriculture sector of country.

Training Course is based on competency standards which are defined by the industry and the traditional role of a trainer changes and shifts towards the facilitation of training. A trainer encourages and assists trainees to learn for themselves. Trainees are likely to work in groups (pairs) and all doing something different. Some are doing practical tasks in the site/workshop, some writing, some not even in the classroom or site/workshop but in another part of the





building using special equipment. As trainees learn at different pace they might be at different stages in their learning, thus learning must be tailored to suit individual needs. The following facilitation methods (teaching strategies) are generally employed.

Purpose of the training program:

The purpose of this training is to set highly professional standards for seed processing and biotechnology in agriculture sector. The basic goals of establishing these credentials are as follows:

- 1. Equip with the latest Seed processing techniques
- 2. Improve crop production through availability of processed seed
- 3. Improve trainees' professional competence
- 4. Provide in-depth knowledge in seed processing operations
- 5. Enable the existing workforce to learn new technologies and methods
- 6. Provide flexible pathways and progressions in agriculture sectors
- 7. Enabling the youth with greater employment opportunities

Overall objectives of training program:

The main objectives of the National Vocational Certificate Level 5 in Seed Processing & Biotechnology (Seed Processing Plant Technician) are as follows:

- Improve the professional competence of Seed processing & Biotechnology
- Capacitate the local community and trainers in modern CBT training, methodologies and processes as envisaged under NVQF
- Provide flexible pathways and progressions in the Seed Processing & Biotechnology
- Enable the trainees to perform their duties in efficient manner
- Establish a standardized and sustainable system of training for Seed processing & Biotechnology across the globe





Competencies to be gained after completion of course:

At the end of the course, the trainee has attained the following core competencies:

Module 1: Operate Advance Seed Processing Machineries

Module 2: Perform Seed Quality Test

Module 3: Perform Seed Packaging and Storage

- Module 4: Maintain Inventory for Seed Processing
- Module 5: Prepare Plantlets by Tissue Culture Technique
- Module 6: Manage and Supervise the Job Activities
- Module 7: Develop Entrepreneurial Skills
- Module 8: Practice Professionalism

Possible available job opportunities, available immediately and later in the future:

- Seed Processing Plant Technician
- Seed Processing Plant In charge





Trainee entry level:

The entry level for National Vocational Certificate Level 4 in Construction Sector (Seed Processing Plant Technician) is given below:

Title	Entry requirements
National Vocational Diploma Level 5 in Seed Processing and Biotechnology (Seed Processing Plant Technician)	The entry requirement for this qualification would be National Vocational Certificate Level 4 in Seed Processing and Biotechnology (Seed Processing Supervisor)

Minimum qualification of trainer:

B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture with preferably major Biotechnology/Plant Breeding and Genetics with at least three-year experience in relevant field

Recommended trainer: trainee ratio

The recommended maximum trainer: trainee ratio for this program is 1 trainer for 25 trainees.

Medium of instruction i.e., language of instruction:

Instructions will be in Urdu/ English/ Local language.





Duration of the course (Total time, Theory & Practical time):

The distribution of contact hours is given below:

Total - 1200 hours

Theory - 460hours (40%)

Practical - 740 hours (60%)

Proposed Course Duration-1 Year

Sequence of Modules:

Module 1: Operate Advance Seed Processing Machineries 240 hrs.	Module 4: Maintain Inventory for Seed Processing 30 hrs.	Module 7: Develop Entrepreneurial Skills 60 hrs.
Module 2: Perform Seed Quality Test 210 hrs.	Module 5: Prepare Plantlets by Tissue Culture Technique	Module 8: Practice Professionalism 300 hrs.
Module 3: Perform Seed Packaging and Storage 90 hrs.	210 hrs. Module 6: Manage and Supervise the Job Activities 60 hrs.	





Summary template-overview of the curriculum:

Following is the structure of the course:

Sr No	Code Category		Category	Category			Cr Hr		
			Th	Pr	Total				
	Level 2								
1.	0811SP&B04- A	Operate Advance Seed Processing Machineries		5	Technical	96	144	240	24
2.	0811SP&B04- B	Perform Seed Quality Test	Seed Processin	5	Technical	84	126	210	21
3.	0811SP&B04- C	Perform Seed Packaging and Storage	g Plant Technician	5	Technical	36	54	90	09
4.	0811SP&B04- D	Maintain Inventory for Seed Processing		5	Technical	12	18	30	03





5.	0811SP&B04- E	Prepare Plantlets by Tissue Culture Technique	5	Technical	84	126	210	21
6.	0811SP&B04-F	Manage and Supervise the Job Activities	5	Functiona I	24	36	60	06
7.	0811SP&B04- G	Develop Entrepreneurial Skills	5	Generic	24	36	60	06
8.	0811SP&B04- H	Practice Professionalism	5	Generic	10 0	200	300	30
		Total			460	740	1200	120
		Percentage			40	60		





Module 1: Operate Advance Seed Processing Machineries

Objective: The aim of this module to get knowledge, skills and understanding to operate advance seed processing machineries

Duration: 240Hours	Theory: 96 H	Hours Practice: 144 Hours	Credi	it Hours: 24	
Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1: Maintain Cleanliness of machienery	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Arrange tools and equipment 2. Perform cleanliness of required machinery 3. Maintain hygienic conditions of workplace 	equipment	Total:40hrs Theory: 16hrs Practical: 24hrs	 Consumable Notebooks Pencils Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster Non Consumable White board PPES Multimedia Computer Scalper Dehumidifier Grain separator cleaning 	 Class Room Site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU2: Perform	The trainee will be		Total:	 machine Sheller Air classifier Dehullers Management and maintinance tools Destoner 	Class Room
LU2: Perform Pre-cheks	 able to: Arrange tools/equipment Perform sanitization of tools Calibrate required tools and equipment Perform trouble shooting Follow standard 	 Explain sanitation procedure for processing machineries Explain troubleshooting Knowledge of equipment calibration Activity: Practice to perform machinery post checks Practice to perform sanitization of tools/equipment/machineries 	Fotal: 60hrs Theory: 24hrs Practical: 36hrs	 Consumable Notebooks Pencils Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster Non- Consumable White board Multimedia PPEs Computer 	 Class Room Site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
	safety checks before and after use of machinery.			 Dehumidifier Grain separator cleaning machine Sheller Air classifier Management and maintinance tools Dehumidifier Grain separator Dehullers Destoner Seed sorter Color sorting machine Seed treatment machines Packaging 	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
				machines	
LU3:Execute seed proceesing operations	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Operate seed Separator according to SOPs 2. Operate Colour grader according to SOPs 3. Operate seed polishing machines according to SOPs 4. Operate seed treatment machines according to SOPs 5. Operate seed packaging machines according to SOPs 	 Knowledge about seed separator Describe color grader procedure Understanding of working principle for seed polishing machine Knowledge of operations regarding to seed treatment machines Understanding of seed packaging machine operation <u>Activity:</u> Practice to perform seed processing operations: Seed separation Seed polishing Seed treatment Seed packaging 	Total 140hrs Theory: 56hrs Practical: 84hrs	Consumable Notebooks Pencils Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster Non Consumable White board PPES Multimedia Computer Dehumidifier Grain separator Dehullers Destoner Seed sorter Color sorting machine	 Class Room Site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
	 Follow health and safety guidelines Maintain records 			 Seed treatment machines Packaging machines Seed scalper De-breeder Sacrifier Screen cleaner Vibratory separator Spiral superb Disc intuited Electronic separator Inclined separator Magnetic separator Roll milling Gravity separator Magnetic 	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
				 separator Friction cleaner Drum pre cleaner Air screen cleaner with gravity table. Polishing machine bean & grain Color separator Corn germ extraction machine. Pealing machine Air suction separator 	





Module2: Perform Seed Quality Test

Objective of the module: The aim of this module to get knowledge, skills and understanding to perform seed quality test.

Duration: 210 Hours

Theory:84 Hours

Practice: 126 Hours

Credit Hours: 21

Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1: Prepare for quality test	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Collect sample for testing 2. Prepare sample according to required quality test 3. Follow health and safety guidelines 4. Maintain 	 Activity: Practice to collect sample Practice to prepare sample according to test Practice to maintain record 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical:9hrs	Consumab Notebooks Pen White board marker Duster Tight jar Muslin cloth Non- Consumable White board PPES Multimedia	 Class Room Lab/Site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU2:	records The trainee will		Total:45hrs	 Internet Computer system Weighing balance Consumable 	Class
Perform Germination test	 be able to: Arrange tools and equipment Perform warm germination test Perform sand germination test Perform Tetrazolium (TZ) test Perform Soak test Perform blotter paper test Perform agar plate test 	 Define germination Describe different types of germination test Explain method for compilation of testing result Activity: Practice to perform germination test according to following methods: ✓ Warm Germination ✓ Sand Germination ✓ Tetrazolium (TZ) test ✓ Soak test ✓ Blotter paper test ✓ Agar plate test 	Theory:18hrs Practical:27hrs	 Notebooks Pen White board marker Duster Agar Blotter paper Tetrazolium solution Germination Paper Germination Towel Wire mesh Tight jar 	 Class Room/site Lab





Learning	Learning	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit	Outcomes			Required	Place
	 Record results Prepare reports 			Muslin clothField soil	
				Non- Consumable	
				White board	
				PPES	
				 Multimedia 	
				 Internet 	
				Computer	
				system	
				 Accelerated aging chamber 	
				 Equipment for germination test 	
				Aluminiumtray	
				 Plastic tray Aging tray 	
				Aging trayManagement	
				and maintinance	





Learning	Learning	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit	Outcomes			Required	Place
				tools Weighing balance Incubator Growth chamber 	
LU3: Perform Pathogenicity test	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Prepare for work 2. Perform ELISA 3. Perpare reports 	 Knowledge of tools/equipment for Pathogenicity test Explain ELISA technique Describe basic principle and types of ELISA <u>Activity:</u> Practice to perform ELISA Practice to prepare test reports 	Total:75hrs Theory:30hrs Practical:45hrs	Consumab Notebooks Pencil White board marker Duster ELISA Kits Micro pipette Tips PPEs ELISA plates Chemicals	 Class Room/Site Lab





Learning	Learning	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit	Outcomes			Required	Place
				Non Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system ELISA equipment ELISA reader	
LU4:	The trainee will		Total:45hrs	Consumabl	Class
Perform Vigor tost	be able to:	Vigor testExplain Vigor test and its types		 Notebooks 	Room/Site
Vigor test	1. Arrange tools	Describe vigor index	Theory:18hrs	Pencils	• Lab
	and equipment	Activity		PPEs	
	2. Test seed vigour	Practice to perform vigor test	Practical:27hrs	White board	
	according to	 ✓ Conductivity test ✓ Paper piercing test 		marker	
	method	 ✓ Hiltner test ✓ Cold test 		Duster	
	3. Record results	 ✓ Cold test ✓ Accelerated Aging test 		Chemicals	





Learning	Learning	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit	Outcomes			Required	Place
	 Prepare report Maintain records 	 Practice to perform seedling vigor index Practice to record test results and prepare report 		 Tight jars Muslin cloth Wire mash Non- Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Conductivity meter Germination box Aluminum trays Sand marker Germinators 	





Learning	Learning	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit	Outcomes			Required	Place
				 Accelerated aging chamber 	
LU5: Perform Moisture determination test	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Arrange tools and equipment 2. Evaluate moisture content in seed according to standard test method 3. Record results according to SOPs 	Moisture determination testDefine moisture content	Total:30hrs Theory:12hrs Practical:18hrs	Consumab Notebooks Pen White board marker Duster Seed Chemicals Non Consumable White board PPES Multimedia Internet Computer	 Class Room Site Lab





Learning	Learning	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit	Outcomes			Required	Place
				system	
				 Constant temperature precision hot- air electric oven. Weighing bottles/Moistu re containers. Desiccators with silica gel. Maintinance tools Tong. A brush/A steel brush. Analytical balance 	
				capable of weighing up	
				to 1mg.Distillation	
				chamber	





Module3: Perform Seed Packaging and Storage

Objective of the module: The aim of this module to get knowledge, skills and understanding to perform seed packaging and storage.

Duration: 90 Hours	Theory: 3	36Hours Practice:54Ho	ours Credit	t Hours: 9	
Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1: Prepare work for packaging	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Arrange tools and equipment/machin ery for packaging 2. Perform pre-checks for packing machines 3. Arrange packaging material according to work instructions 	 Knowledge of tools/equipment/ machinery for packaging Explain pre-checks for packaging machine Knowledge of packaging material <u>Activity</u> Practice to arrange tools/equipment/ machinery and material Practice to perform pre checks for packaging 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical: 9hrs	 Consumable Notebooks Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster PPEs Seed Non-Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Filling Machines 	Class Room/site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
		machine		 Sealers Management and maintinance tools Strapping/Bundlin g Machines Stretch Wrapping Machines Air Pillow Machines Flow wrapper Strapping Machine Accumulator Bag openers Capping Machine Valve bagger machine Compression bagger Vaccume sealer 	
LU2. Execute	The trainee will be able	Understanding of quality test	Total:30hrs	Consumable	Class
seed packaging	to:	report		Notebooks	Room/site
	1. Arrange processed	Explain packaging operation	Theory:12hrs	Erasers	• Lab
	seed for packaging 2. Collect quality test	Knowledge of pre and post		Sharpeners	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
	reports 3. Perform packaging operation according to work instructions 4. Follow safety standard checks for pre and post packaging. 5. Maintain Records	safety checks • Understanding of record maintenance <u>Activity:</u> • Practice to perform seed packaging operations	Practical:18hrs	 White board marker Duster PPEs Seed Packaging material Non-Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Filling Machines Sealers Management and maintinance tools Strapping/Bundlin g Machines Stretch Wrapping Machines Air Pillow 	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
LU3.Perform Labeling of processed seeds	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Arrange material for labeling 2. Collect quality data reports 3. Prepare label according to work instructions 4. Execute labeling method 5. Maintain Records 	 Explain the importance of labelling Understanding of seed labelling Describe labelling methods <u>Activity:</u> Practice to perform labeling 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical: 9hrs	Machines Flow wrapper Strapping Machine Accumulator Bag openers Capping Machine Valve bagger machine Compression bagger Vaccume sealer Consumable Notebooks Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster PPEs Seed	• Class Room/site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
				Labels	
				Permanent	
				markers	
				Thread and	
				needle	
				Non-	
				Consumable	
				White board	
				Multimedia	
				Internet	
				Computer	
				• system	
				 Printer Staplers	
LU4. Perform	The trainee will be able	 Explain importance of 	Total:15hrs	Staplers Consumable	Class
storage of seed	to:	storage of processed seed		Notebooks	Room/site
	1. Arrange materials	Describe storage operation	Theory:6hrs	Erasers	
	required for storage	Activity		Sharpeners	
	2. Execute storage	Practice to perform storage	Practical:9hrs	White board	
	operation according to standard requirements	operation		marker	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
	3. Maintain records			Duster	
				• PPEs	
				Seed	
				Storage bag	
				Polyethylene	
				Non-	
				Consumable White board	
				 White board Multimedia 	
				 Internet 	
				Computer	
				system	
				Storage binStorage chamber	
				 Air tight jars 	
LU5.Handle	The trainee will be able	Knowledge of microclimatic	Total:15hrs	Consumable	Class
storage commodities	to:	condition for storage		Notebooks	Room/site
commodities	1. Maintain microclimatic	according to commodities	Theory:6hrs	Erasers	
	condition according to storage requirements	Explain periodic checks for		Sharpeners	
	 Perform periodic 	contamination/spillage	Practical:	White board	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
	 checks for contamination/spillage 3. Execute periodic pest control measure 4. Follow safety requirements 5. Maintain records 	 Understanding of pest control measure <u>Activity</u> Practice to perform pest control measures Practice to maintain microclimatic conditions 	9hrs	marker Duster PPEs Chemicals Non- Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Thermometer Hygrometer Sprayers Fumigator	





Module4: . Maintain Inventory for Seed Processing

Objective of the module: The aim of this module to get knowledge, skills and understanding to perform documentation and record keeping of seed processing

Duration: 30 H	ours Theory:	12Hours Practice: 18Hours	s Credit H	ours: 3	
Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1: Maintain Inventory register	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Maintain stock register of seed lot as per standard format. 2. Maintain cash book on prescribed format. 3. Maintain fixed assets register as per prescribed format. 4. Maintain raw and processed seed registers according to standard format. 	 Describe importance of inventory register Knowledge of stock register Knowledge of cash book Understanding of fixed assets register Knowledge of raw and processed seed register <u>Activity</u> Practice to maintain stock register 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical: 9hrs	Consumable Notebooks Erasers Pencil Sharpeners White board marker Duster PPEs Inventory register Stock register	Class Room/site





Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit				Required	Place
		 Practice to maintain cash book Practice to maintain fixed assets register Practice to maintain raw and processed seed register 		 Cash book Non- Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Calculator 	
LU2.	The trainee will be able to:	Describe importance of daily	Total:15hrs	Consumable	Class
Maintain daily performance report	 Maintain seed register. Check quantity of raw seed received from field. Maintain record of the following. Initial moisture of raw seed Record of dried lots Final moisture level of the dried lots 	 performance report <u>Activity:</u> Practice to maintain record includes: ✓ Initial moisture of raw seed ✓ Record of dried lots ✓ Final moisture level of the dried lots ✓ Quantity of raw seed processed. 	Theory: 6hrs Practical: 9hrs	 Notebooks Erasers Pencil Sharpeners White board marker Duster PPEs Inventory 	Room/site





Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
Unit				Required	Place
	 Quantity of raw seed processed. Quality of processed seed obtained. 4. Maintain register mentioning the time of starting and closing of the processing machines. 5. Maintain register of seed treatments. 	 ✓ Quality of processed seed obtained. Practice to maintain register from starting to closing of the processing machines Practice to maintain register of seed treatment 		register Stock register Cash book Non- Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Calculator	





Module5: Prepare Plantlets by Tissue Culture Tehnique

Objective of the module: The aim of this module to get knowledge, skills and understanding toprepare plantlets by tissue culture technique

Duration: 210 H	ours Theo	ry: 84Hours Practice: 1	26Hours C	Credit Hours:21	
Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1: Prepare the stock solution	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Arrange the glassware & chemicals 2. Prepare Macronutrient stock solution 3. Prepare Micronutrient stock solution 4. Prepare Vitamin stock solution 5. Prepare Hormones stock solution 	 Define stock solution Describe macro and micronutrient Describe macro and micronutrient stock solution preparation Describe vitamin stock solution preparation Explain preparation of hormones stock solution <u>Activity</u> 	Total:40hrs Theory:16hrs Practical: 24hrs	Consumable Notebooks Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster PPEs Pencils Glassware Chemicals	Class Room/Lab





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
				Required	
		 Practice to arrange glassware and chemicals Practice to prepare macronutrient/ micronutrient/vitamin/ hormones stock solutions 		 Plant growth Regulator Macro/Micronutri ents Hormones Non Consumable White board Multimedia Internet 	
				 Computer system Autoclave Dry heat ovens 	
LU2. Prepare media	The trainee will be able to:	Describe media preparation	Total:30hrs	Consumable	Class Room
media	 Prepare plan for working Mix the stocks as per plan Prepare media according to SOPs 	 Define tissue culture media Explain media components <u>Activity:</u> Practice to prepare media 	Theory:12hrs Practical:18hrs	 Notebooks Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Duster 	• Lab





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
				Required	
	4. Maintain the record			Glassware	
	 Follow health and safety guidelines 			• PPEs	
	Salety guidelines			Media ingredient	
				Deionized water	
				Non- Consumable • White board • Multimedia • Internet • Computer	
				systemAutoclave	
LU3.Perform	The trainee will be able		Total:34hrs	Consumable	Class Room
sterilization	to:	Define contamination		 Notebooks 	• Lab
	1. Arrange tools and	 Explain sterilization and its mechanism 	Theory:16hrs	Erasers	
	equipment	Describe workplace hazards		Sharpeners	
	2. Perform	 Describe the sources involved in contamination of 	Practical:18hrs	White board	
	sterilization of	tissue culture process		marker	
	glassware's			Duster	
	3. Perform	<u>Activity:</u>			





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
	 sterilization of plastic wares Perform sterilization of tools and equipment Perform sterilization of stock solution Perform sterilization of sterilization of Follow health and safety guidelines 	 Practice to perform sterilization includes: Sterilization includes: Sterilization of glassware's Sterilization of plastic wares Sterilization of tools and equipment Sterilization of stock solution Sterilization of media 		 Required PPEs Chemicals Glassware Non Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system Autoclave Dry heat oven 	
LU4.Perform tissue culturing	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Arrange tools and equipment 2. Prepare explants for 	 Define tissue culture Define explant Explain tissue culturing method <u>Activity:</u> 	Total:56hrs Theory:20hrs Practical:36hrs	Consumable Notebooks Erasers Sharpeners White board 	Class Room/Lab





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
				Required	
	inoculation	Practice to perform tissue		marker	
	3. Perform Inoculation	culturing		Duster	
	and establish primary			Sampling bags	
	cultures			PPEs	
	4. Perform sub cultures			Explant	
	for shoot multiplication			Non-	
	5. Follow health and			Consumable	
	safety guidelines			White boardMultimedia	
				MultimediaInternet	
				Computer	
				system	
				Autoclave	
				Glassware	
				 Tissue culture lab equipments 	
LU5.Perform	The trainee will be able		Total:40hrs	Consumable	Class
acclimatization	to:	Define acclimatization		Notebooks	room/site/Lab
		 Explain the process of applimatization 	Theory:16hrs	Erasers	
	1. Arrange acclimatize	acclimatizationUnderstanding of hardening		Sharpeners	
	materials	of plantlets		•	





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
				Required	
	2. Prepare plantlets for		Practical:24hrs	White board	
	acclimatization	Activity:		marker	
	3. Perform	Practice to perform		Duster	
	acclimatization and	acclimatizationPractise to perform		 Sampling bags 	
	hardening of plantlets			• PPEs	
	according to SOP			 Plantlets 	
	4. Follow health and safety guidelines			Non- Consumable	
				White board	
				 Multimedia 	
				Internet	
				Computer	
				system	
				Autoclave	
				 Glassware 	
				Tissue culture	
				lab equipments	





Module6: Manage and Supervise the Job Activities

Objective of the module: The aim of this module to get knowledge, skills and understanding tomanage and supervise the job activities

Duration: 60Hours	Theory: 24Hours	Practice: 36Hours	Credit Hours:6	3	
Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1: Plan for on-site operations	 The trainee will be able to: Consult with the client to obtain required information Prepare SOPs in accordance with the identified requirements. Prepare the process flow diagram in order to achieve Quality outcome. Break down work of activities into small achievable components and efficient sequences Recognize site hazards and the personal protective equipment 	 Explain principles of planning and project management Explain roles and responsibilities for different levels of site supervision. Explain planning method for on-site operations Knowledge about process flow diagram 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical:9hrs	Consumable Notebooks Pencils White board marker Non- Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system	Class Room / Plant Site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
	(PPE) and safety procedures	Understanding of			
	specified for job	health and safety			
	6. Organize site induction for support	standards			
	personnel as required	Understanding of			
	7. Plan housekeeping activities prior	house keeping			
	to and post completion of work	Activity:			
		Practice to			
		prepare			
		activities plan			
		for a specific			
		crushing job			
		order including			
		break down of			
		activities,			
		recognize site			
		hazards,			
		prepare the			
		demand of			





Learning Unit		Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration		Materials		Learning
						Required		Place
	1		required					
			equipment's and					
			man power.					
LU2: Supervise work		The trainee will be able to:		Total: 15 hrs.		Consumable	•	Class
activities to achieve desired	1.	List and arrange required	 Understanding 		•	Notebooks		Room/
results		resources prior to commencement	about causes	Theory: 6	•	Pencils		Site
		of work	of delay in	hrs.	•	White board		
	2.	Recognize the areas of work	work, wastage			marker		
		which could result in a delay of	of material or	Practical:		Non-		
		work, wastage of material or	damage to	9hrs		Consumable		
		damage to tools.	tools.		•	White board		
	3.	Allocate responsibility to required	Explain		•	Multimedia		
		team members to avoid conflicts	documentation and		•	Internet		
	4.	Review work plan in response to	record system of the		•	Computer		
		new information, urgent requests,	inspection body			system		
		changed situations or instructions	Activity:					
		from concern personnel	Practice to manage					
	5.	Cooperate with team members to	task allocation to					





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
	achieve common goals	team member for the specific crushing job order, trace out the weak area of work and review the work plan.			
LU3: Perform on- site inspection	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Conduct inspection of processes &materials according to inspection plan 2. Identify defects and deficiencies in product & processes 3. Record defects and deficiencies with evidence in product & processes (if required) 4. Perform test as per standard procedure for determining the physical properties of materials 	 Describe the information relevant to inspection activities and document preparation for recoding inspection results. Differentiate various types of deficiencies in inspection activities 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical:9hrs	Consumable Notebooks Pencils White board marker Non- Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system	 Class Room/ Plant Site





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
	 and product. 5. Collect the samples of materials &products for lab testing as per standards 6. Complete the sampling document as per requirement 7. Check the actions taken for rectification of snag list 8. Record the non-compliance and expected breaches of contract as per SOPs. 	 Describe site problems and recommended corrective actions Describe the procedure to perform on- site inspection Activity: Conduct inspection of crushing plant with emphasizes on deficiencies and defects in process & production including collection of samples of material & product and 		Required	Place





Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
LU4: Prepare the inspection report.	 Collect and review the information relevant to inspection activities for recoding in section results Verify the integrity of information supplied by 	 collect pictorial evidence etc. Explain the procedure to prepare the inspection report. Understanding about third/other 	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical:9hrs	Consumable Notebooks Pencils Whit board marker Non-	• Class Room
	 other party as a part of the inspection process 3. Record inspection observations and findings 4. Recommend the necessary corrective actions for tackling the identified problems 	 party inspection process Explain reporting standards Activity: Prepare the inspection report with respect to standards 		 Consumable White board Multimedia Internet Computer system 	





Module7: Develop Entrepreneurial Skills

Objective of the module: The aim of this module is to get knowledge, skills and understanding todevelop entrepreneurial skills.Duration: 60HoursTheory: 24HoursPractice: 36 HoursCredit Hours: 6

Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
Unit				Required	
LU1: Develop a business plan	 The trainee will be able to: 1. Conduct market survey to collect information 2. Select the best option in terms of cost, service, quality, sales, profit margin, overall expenses 3. Compile the information collected through the market survey, in the business plan format 	Describe market survey and types of information collected such as ✓ Customer /demand ✓ Tools, equipment, machinery and furniture with rates ✓ Raw material ✓ Supplier ✓ Credit / funding sources ✓ Marketing strategy ✓ Market trends ✓ Overall expenses ✓ Profit margin Explain market survey tools such as questionnaire, interview, observation etc Explain elements of business plan	Total:15hrs Theory:6hrs Practical:9hrs	Consumable Notebooks Pencils Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Non Consumable White board Multimedia	 Class Room Simulated environment





Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
Unit				Required	
		 State the procedure to fill the business plan format Activity: Conduct market survey and formulate business plan in terms of feasibility, investment potential, risk, and completeness. 			
LU 2	The trainee will be able	Explain different funding sources	Total:15hrs	Consumable	Class Room
Collect	to:	Describe the documents required		Notebooks	Simulated
information regarding	 Identify the available funding sources based 	to get loan to start a new business	Theory:6hrs	Pencils	environment
funding sources	 on their terms and conditions, maximum loan limit, payback time, interest rate 2. Choose the best available option according to investment requirement 3. Prepare documents 	 Activity: Prepare the documents for financial feasibility for external investment / loan for the business plan. Prepare loan documents. 	Practical:9hrs	 Erasers Sharpeners White board marker Non- Consumable White board 	





Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
Unit				Required	
	 according to the loan agreement requirement 4. Include the information of funding sources in the business plan 			Multimedia	
LU 3	The trainee will be able		Total:15hrs	Consumable	Class Room
Develop a	to:	Prepare the product promotion		 Notebooks 	Simulated
marketing plan	1. Collect information	strategy	Theory:6hrs	Pencils	environment
	required to devise	State elements of business		Erasers	
	marketing plan	plan	Practical:9hrs	Sharpeners	
	2. Prepare marketing	Describe 7 Ps of marketing		White board	
	plan for new business	Prepare human resource		marker	
		strategy plan.		Non-	
		Activity:		Consumable	
		• Devise marketing strategy for		White board	
		product promotion		Multimedia	





Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
Unit				Required	
LU 4	The trainee will be able		Total:15hrs	Consumable	Class Room
Develop basic	to:	Describe 7Cs of business		Notebooks	Simulated
business	1. Communicate with	communication	Theory:6hrs	Pencils	environment
communication	internal customers and	Explain different modes of		Erasers	
skills	external customers	communication and their	Practical:9hrs	Sharpeners	
	2. Use different modes of	application in the industry		White board	
	communication to	Describe business terms used		marker	
	communicate internally	in the industry		Non-	
	and externally e.g.:	Describe organization's		Consumable	
	presentation, speaking,	procedures and policy related		White board	
	writing, listening, visual	to information and		Multimedia	
	representation, reading	communication systems,			
	etc.	protocol and procedures			
	3. Use specific business	Activity:			
	terms used in the	• Practice to prepare a report			
	market	about shortage of labor			
		• Practice to play a role to			
		communicate with customer			





Learn Unit	ning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
			about the product.			





Module8: Practice Professionalism

Objective of the module: The aim of this module is to get knowledge, skills and understanding todevelop portfolio for industry. You can perform internship

Duration: 300 H	Duration: 300 HoursTheory: 100 HoursPractice: 200HoursCredit Hours: 30				
Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
LU1.Develop Portfolio for industry	 The trainee will be able to: Select previous assignments for portfolio Work on previous selected assignments for portfolio Compile variety of assignments for portfolio Make Professional Portfolio for industry Develop Digital Portfolio for industry 	 Describe different styles/format of portfolio Explain the importance of portfolio Activity: Compile important assignments Prepare folder for assignments manually Prepare portfolio digitally 	Total 50hrs Theory: 25 hrs. Practical: 25 hrs.	Consumable Notebooks Pencils Erasers Sharpeners Non- Consumable White board Multimedia	 Class Room Simulated environment
LU2. Perform Internship	The trainee will be able to:1. Prepare for internship	Explain importance of personal grooming for	Total 250hrs	Consumable Notebooks 	Class RoomSite





Learning	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning Place
Unit				Required	
	 Personal Presentation Portfolio Presentation Interview preparation Demonstrate Ethics for Internship Identify Industry for internship Perform Internship in Industry Fill the Performa of Internship Report the performance of internship 	of internship	Theory: 75hrs Practical: 175 hrs.	 Pencils Erasers Sharpeners Non- Consumable White board Multimedia 	





General assessment guidance for "Seed Processing Plant Technician"

Good practice in Pakistan makes use of sessional and final assessments, the basis of which is described below. Good practice by vocational training providers in Pakistan is to use a combination of these sessional and final assessments, combined to produce the final qualification result. **Sessional assessment** is going on all the time. Its purpose is to provide feedback on what students are learning:

- To the student: to identify achievement and areas for further work
- To the teacher: to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching to date, and to focus future plans.

Assessors need to devise sessional assessments for both theoretical and practical work. Guidance is provided in the assessment strategy

Final assessment is the assessment, usually on completion of a course or module, which says whether or not the student has "passed". It is – or should be – undertaken with reference to all the objectives or outcomes of the course, and is usually fairly formal. Considerations of security – ensuring that the student who gets the credit is the person who did the work – assume considerable importance in final assessment.

Methods of assessment

For lessons with a high quantity of theory, written or oral tests related to learning outcomes and/ or learning content can be conducted. For workplace lessons, assessment can focus on the quality of planning the related process, the quality of executing the process, the quality of the product and/or evaluation of the process.

Methods include direct assessment, which is the most desirable form of assessment. For this method, evidence is obtained by direct observation of the student's performance.

Examples for direct assessment of a Seed Processing Plant Technician include:

- Work performances, for example perform seed quality test and tissue culture technique etc.
- Demonstrations, for example operations of advance seed processing machineries etc
- Direct questioning, where the assessor would ask the student how to perform seed quality test and tissue culture technique etc.





- Paper-based tests, such as multiple choice or short answer questions on seed packaging and storage, manage and supervise the job activities etc.
- Indirect assessment is the method used where the performance could not be watched and evidence is gained indirectly.

Examples for indirect assessment of a Seed Processing Plant Technician include:

• Work products, such as developing entrepreneurial skills, practice professionalism

Indirect assessment should only be a second choice. (In some cases, it may not even be guaranteed that the work products were produced by the person being assessed.)

Principles of Assessment

All assessments should be valid, reliable, fair and flexible:

Fairness means that there should be no advantages or disadvantages for any assessed person. For example, it should not happen that one student gets prior information about the type of work performance that will be assessed, while another candidate does not get any prior information.

Validity means that a valid assessment assesses what it claims to assess. For example, if documentation or seed quality testing and tissue culture technique is to be assessed and certificated, the assessment should involve performance criteria that are directly related to that documentation activity. An interview about the seed quality testing and tissue culture technique would not meet the performance criteria.

Reliability means that the assessment is consistent and reproducible. For example, if the work performance of preparing documents in words has been assessed, another assessor (e.g., the future employer) should be able to see the same work performance and witness the same level of achievement. Flexibility means that the assessor has to be flexible concerning the assessment approach. For example, if there is a power failure during the assessment, the assessor should modify the arrangements to accommodate the students' needs.





Assessment strategy for Seed Processing Plant Technician

This curriculum consists of 08 modules:

- Module 1: Operate Advance Seed Processing Machineries
- Module 2: Perform Seed Quality Test
- Module 3: Perform Seed Packaging and Storage
- Module 4: Maintain Inventory for Seed Processing
- Module 5: Prepare Plantlets by Tissue Culture Technique
- Module 6: Manage and Supervise the Job Activities
- Module 7: Develop Entrepreneurial Skills
- Module 8: Practice Professionalism

Sessional assessment

The sessional assessment for all modules shall be in two parts: theoretical assessment and practical assessment. The sessional marks shall contribute to the final qualification.

Theoretical assessment for all learning modules must consist of a written paper lasting at least one hour per module. This can be a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions.

For practical assessment, all procedures and methods for the modules must be assessed on a sessional basis. Guidance is provided below under Planning for assessment.

Final assessment





Final assessment shall be in two parts: theoretical assessment and practical assessment. The final assessment marks shall contribute to the final qualification.

The assessment teams

The number of assessors must meet the needs of the students and the training provider. For example, where two assessors are conducting the assessment, there must be a maximum of five students per assessor. In this example, a group of 25 students shall therefore require assessments to be carried out over a four-day period. For a group of only 10 to 15 students, assessments would be carried out over a two-day period only.

Planning for assessment

Sessional assessment: assessors need to plan in advance how they will conduct sessional assessments for each module. The tables on the following pages are for assessors to use to insert how many hours of theoretical and practical assessment will be conducted and what the scheduled dates are.

Final assessment: Training providers need to decide ways to combine modules into a cohesive two-day final assessment programme for each group of five students. Training providers must agree the content for practical assessments in advance.





List of Tool, Machinery and Equipment:

SR#	Items/Tools & Equipment	Quantity
	PPEs:	
	Safety Helmet	30
1.	Safety Shoes	30 Pans
	Gloves	30
	Goggles	05
	Face Shields.	05
2.	First Aid Kit	01
3.	Computer	26
4.	Multimedia	01
5.	Clip Board	30





6.	Scalper	10
7.	Dehumidifier	02
8.	Grain separator cleaning machine	02
9.	Sheller	02
10.	Air classifier	02
11.	Dehullers	02
12.	Management and maintinance tools	05
13.	Destoner	01
14.	Seed sorter	01
15.	Color sorting machine	01
16.	Seed treatment machines	01





17.	Packaging machines	05
18.	Debearder	01
19.	Seed Scarifier	02
20.	Screen cleaner	05
21.	Vibratory separator	05
22.	Spiral seed grader	02
23.	Disc intuited	01
24.	Electronic separator	01
25.	Inclined separator	01
26.	Magnetic separator	01
27.	Roll milling	01





28.	Gravity separator	01
29.	Friction cleaner	01
30.	Drum pre cleaner	02
31.	Air screen cleaner with gravity table.	01
32.	Polishing machine bean & grain	02
33.	Corn germ extraction machine.	02
34.	Pealing machine	02
35.	Air suction separator	02
36.	ELISA equipment	01
37.	ELISA reader	01
38.	Strapping/Bundling Machines	01





39.	Stretch Wrapping Machines	01
40.	Air Pillow Machines	01
41.	Flow wrapper	01
42.	Strapping Machine	01
43.	Accumulator	01
44.	Bag openers	01
45.	Capping Machine	01
46.	Valve bagger machine	01
47.	Compression bagger	01
48.	Vaccume sealer	01
49.	Thermometer	05





50.	Hygrometer	05
51.	Sprayers	25
52.	Fumigator	05
53.	Autoclave	02
54.	Dry heat oven	02
55.	Aluminium tray	As per requirement
56.	Weighing Balance	05
57.	Constant temperature precision hot-air electric oven.	02
58.	Management and maintinance tools	As per requirement
59.	Micro pipette set	03 set
60.	Accelerated aging chamber	02





List of Consumable Supplies

SR#	Consumable Supplies	Quantity
	PPEs	
1.	Surgical Face Masks	2 Boxes
2.	Stationary	As per requirement
3.	Tetrazolium solution	As per requirement
4.	Germination Paper	As per requirement
5.	Germination Towel	As per requirement
6.	Wire mesh	As per requirement
7.	Tight jar	As per requirement
8.	Muslin cloth	As per requirement





9.	Sandmarker brick gravel of 2-3 mm size	As per requirement
10.	Field soil	As per requirement
11.	Sample job order	As per requirement
12.	Safety sign boards	As per requirement
13.	Equipment for germination test	As per requirement
14.	ELISA Kits	15
15.	Tips (Blue, Yellow, White)	As per requirement
16.	ELISA plates	As per requirement
17.	Chemicals	As per requirement





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