Biosecurity for Beekeepers

What is the Biosecurity for Beekeepers course?

What you will get out of this course

You will find out how to:

- Check your hives for pests and diseases.
- Identify the major pests and diseases of honey bees.
- Take action after finding a serious pest or disease in your hive.
- Minimise the impact of pests and diseases on your hives.

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) and Plant Health Australia, with assistance from Australia's Bee Biosecurity Officers and original funding from AgriFutures Australia, have developed the Biosecurity for Beekeepers course.

The course is designed for people who have a basic understanding of beekeeping practices and who would like to learn more about protecting their bees from pests and diseases.

It provides information about keeping your honey bees healthy, looking for both exotic and endemic pests and diseases, and some measures you can use to protect your apiary. It is not designed to instruct new beekeepers on how to keep bees.

The course supports the Australian Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity Code of Practice and is one way to meet the training requirement of the Code.

All beekeepers are encouraged to complete the course. The course is now free for beekeepers based in Australia, thanks to funding from AHBIC and the Australian state and territory governments.

Getting started

Visit the Honey Bee Biosecurity site **https://honeybee.canopihr.com.au** and follow the steps below to access and complete the course.
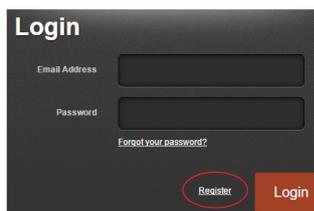
1. ACCESS TO BIOSECURITY ONLINE TRAINING (BOLT)

Already have an account
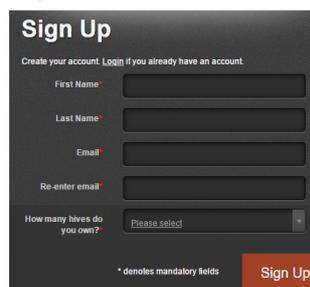You can login using your account details for either the Plant Health Australia or Animal Health Australia BOLT site.

New user

- Click '**REGISTER**' on the login page.

- Enter your details on the sign up page and click '**SIGN UP**'.

- A message will be sent to your email address to activate your account.
- Go to your email account, open the message and follow the directions to set up your password. If you do not see the account activation message after 10 minutes, please check your junk folder.
- Return to the login screen, enter your username and password, and click '**LOGIN**'.
- You will be taken to the '**MY LEARNING**' page.

2. ENROL IN COURSE

- Click the '**BROWSE LEARNING**' tab at the top of the home page.

- On the next page, *click anywhere inside the box* showing the **Biosecurity for Beekeepers** course.
- Read the instructions about the course and how to enrol as either an Australian or international beekeeper.

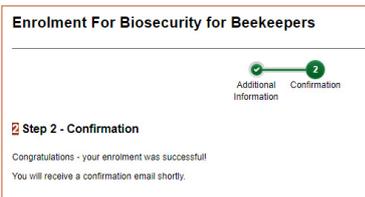**Australian beekeepers** can access the course free of charge.

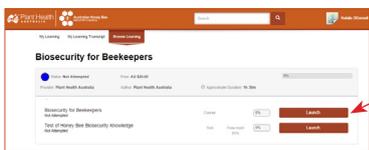■ Press the **'ENROL'** button at the top right of the screen.

■ Tick the box to agree to the terms and conditions and press **'NEXT'**.

■ You are now enrolled, press **'FINISH'** to go back to the main page.

■ Press the **'LAUNCH'** button for the **Biosecurity for Beekeepers** course at the bottom right of the screen to start the course.
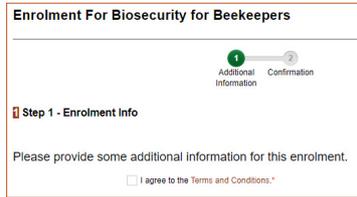

International beekeepers (all enrolments outside of Australia) will be charged $40.

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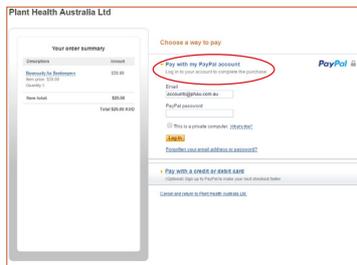■ Tick the box to agree to the terms and conditions then press **'NEXT'**.

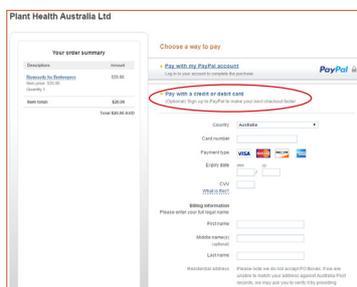■ The **'PAYPAL'** option will be selected press **'NEXT'**.

■ You will be taken to the PayPal payment screen. Please follow the instructions to pay via
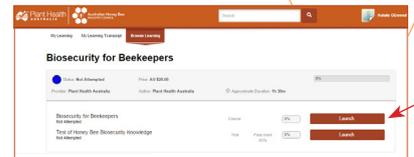
    a. PayPal, or

    b. Credit card

■ Once you have completed the transaction, click the button to return to the Honey Bee Biosecurity BOLT site and you will be enrolled in the course.

■ Press the **'LAUNCH'** button for the **Biosecurity for Beekeepers** course at the bottom right of the screen to get started with the course.
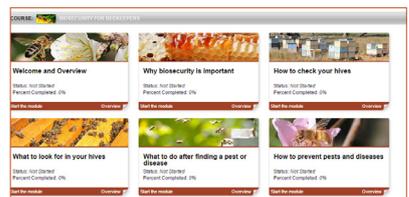

3. ACCESS AND COMPLETE THE COURSE

■ On the **'MY LEARNING'** page, click the **'BIOSECURITY FOR BEEKEEPERS'** tile.

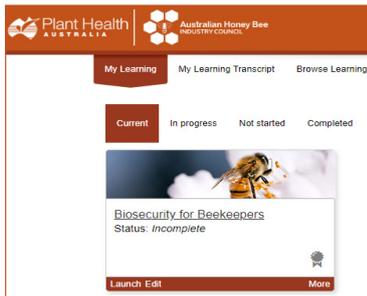■ Press the **'LAUNCH'** button at the bottom right of the screen to start the course.

■ You will be taken to a screen showing six tiles (boxes), click on **'WELCOME AND OVERVIEW'** to get started. There are further instructions within the course.

4. COMPLETE THE TEST

- You must complete the **'TEST OF HONEY BEE BIOSECURITY KNOWLEDGE'** to complete the course and receive a certificate of completion.

- From your **'MY LEARNING'** page, click the **'BIOSECURITY FOR BEEKEEPERS'** tile.

- Press the '**LAUNCH**' button for the **'TEST OF HONEY BEE BIOSECURITY KNOWLEDGE'** at the bottom right of the screen to access the test.

- Follow the instructions to complete the test.

5. DOWNLOAD YOUR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

- When you have successfully completed the course and the test, the ribbon icon on the **'BIOSECURITY FOR BEEKEEPERS'** tile on your **'MY LEARNING'** page will appear green.

- To obtain your certificate, click the green ribbon icon and your certificate will begin to download.

- If the certificate does not download, check your security settings (e.g. firewall).

- Please save the certificate to your computer and print for your records.

Helpful hints

- You do not have to complete the course in one sitting.

- Write down your username and password so you don't forget them.

- There is a link on the login page to reset your password if you do forget it.

- You can review the content of the course even after you have completed it.

Need help registering or enrolling in the course?

Email **BOLT@phau.com.au**

If you are interested in learning more about the Australian plant biosecurity system, visit the PHA BOLT site **https://pha.canopihr.com.au**.