# **DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE:**

## What is Diploma in Agriculture?

A diploma in agriculture is a course that is two years long. The course imparts knowledge about various forms of agriculture, livestock and crop management, agricultural extension, agricultural chemistry and so forth. The admission to this full-time agriculture science programme takes place based on both entrance examination and merit. To be eligible for the course, the candidate must be a 10th pass from a recognised board. Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics are compulsory subjects that a student must have in his or her 10th and 10+2.

## **Diploma in Agriculture Eligibility Criteria**

In order to pursue a diploma course in Agriculture, one must go through the eligibility criteria beforehand. A student who has finished a 10th with an aggregate of 50 per cent marks from a recognised board is eligible to opt for the course. However, some colleges also conduct common entrance exams to grant admission. In such cases, the eligibility criteria differ slightly. Students with a minimum of 35 per cent aggregate marks are also eligible to pursue the course.

#### Diploma in Agriculture Skills Required

In order to successfully complete a diploma in agriculture, it is necessary to possess some specific skills. Having a keen interest in the subject is one of them. Below we have listed a few skill requirements for pursuing a diploma in agriculture.

Adaptability

Time management and organisation

Versed with technology

Learning ability

Attention to detail

## Scope of Diploma in Agriculture

After completion of a diploma in agriculture, students can opt for further education. They can choose to pursue a PGD or a B.Sc. in Agriculture. Some of the other popular degree programmes in agriculture science are B.Tech. in Agriculture Engineering and B.Tech. in Agriculture Information Technology.

Pursuing a diploma in agriculture offers a vast future scope to the students. They can work as Agricultural officer, Agricultural Engineer, Agricultural Inspector and positions alike. They earn good salaries and can find work opportunities in various fields.

### **Career options after Diploma in Agriculture**

Opting for a course like a diploma in Agriculture opens up a multitude of opportunities for the candidates. They can work in different agricultural sectors like pisciculture, horticulture and others. An individual can opt for a job profile as per their choice. Some of the prospective career options are Agronomist, Agriculture Inspector, and Agricultural Officer. When it is about finding career opportunities, a candidate after completing a diploma can work in both private as well as government sectors. It might be possible that he/she has to sit for various competitive exams to find an opportunity in the government sector but the door is open for them

## List of popular career options after completing Diploma in Agriculture

Career	Description
Agronomist	An Agronomist is responsible for increasing the productivity of the soil.  He/She studies plants and soil for the better productivity of the soil.  They also suggest better harvesting techniques, solve harvest problems, help in better cultivation.
Agricultural Officer	The responsibilities of an Agricultural Officer involves taking care of the rules and regulations in the agricultural activities taking place in state and local areas. They need to make sure that the activities comply with the rules and regulations.
Agricultural Engineer	An Agricultural Engineer is responsible for solving problems related to agriculture like types of equipment and their efficiency, any environmental issues, storage-related hindrances and others.
Agricultural Inspector	The role of an Agricultural Inspector is to keep a check on the quality of production and ensure that all activities are in accordance with rules and regulations. They are additionally responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the production.