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1. SUMMER SKILLS 2021/22 UPDATE

a. Intent to Participate submissions have now closed

Thank you to all Smart and Skilled providers who submitted an intent to participate in delivering part qualifications for the 2021/22 Summer Skills program, as announced in Smart and Skilled Update No. 144 (17 August 2021). Training Services NSW regional offices are currently assessing part qualifications in these submissions against demand and requirements for their regions.

If you submitted an Intent to Participate, your Strategic Relationship Manager or another representative from Training Services NSW will be in contact to discuss:

- the part qualifications submitted
- enrolment dates and delivery locations for the part qualifications that will be funded.

b. Completing a Training Needs Identification (TNI) application for Summer Skills part qualification training

Training Services NSW will advise providers of the part qualification training for which they can submit TNIs. Providers are asked not to lodge any TNIs for Summer Skills until after they have been so advised.

When creating TNI applications for Summer Skills, please follow the process for Targeted Priorities Pre-vocational and Part Qualifications Program (TPPPQ) TNIs, ensuring that the following is selected in the fields below:

Field	Select
Program Strategy:	 TPPPQ – Skilling for Recovery Initiative – Redeployment and Youth TPPPQ - Skilling for Recovery Initiative – Construction
Program Stream:	Part qualifications Targeted Skills
Employment status of student(s):	Mixed (Job Seekers and Existing workers) The employment status of "Mixed" should always be selected to enable training to be delivered to a mixture of Skilling for Recovery eligible students if required
Target Group type:	Specific Target Group
Target Group:	Summer Skills
Maximum Places:	20

c. Dates for enrolment and training delivery

Enrolments are **now open** for approved TNIs where the PAS has been accepted by the provider.

Related training must commence **no later than 31 December 2021** and be completed **by 30 April 2022**.

Critical Dates		
Now	Enrolments open	
31 December 2021	Training must have commenced	
30 April 2022	All training completed	

d. For Providers wishing to subsequently participate

If you did not submit an Intent to Participate but are now interested in offering training under Summer Skills 2021/22, please contact your Strategic Relationship Manager to discuss.

e. For Providers wishing to access Departmental training venues across NSW

The Department may be able to make some school facilities available for face to face delivery of Summer Skills training across NSW, to assist providers that are unable to find suitable venues during this period. These facilities may include classrooms, covered outdoor learning areas and ovals.

If you would like more information about accessing Departmental facilities to deliver Summer Skills training, please contact skillsbrokers@det.nsw.edu.au.

2. EXTENSION OF STEP SAFELY INTO CONSTRUCTION: FREE CONSTRUCTION BOOTS AND HARD HATS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The <u>Step Safely into Construction</u> initiative provides free Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) packs for eligible students enrolled in part qualification construction training under NSW JobTrainer/Skilling for Recovery – Construction. The PPE packs consist of construction boots and a hard hat and may be ordered by providers through the NSW Department of Education on behalf of eligible students.

This initiative has now been extended to cover eligible students where training is due to complete on or before 31 December 2021. All applications for PPE packs must be submitted **before 30**November 2021 (for December training delivery).

Applications for PPE packs will only be considered where:

- 1. The application is submitted **prior** to the delivery and assessment of training (a PPE pack application cannot be submitted at midpoint or completion of training).
- 2. PPE is required for training and assessment of construction trade-related qualifications from the following training packages only:
 - Resources and Infrastructure Industry (RII), Construction, Plumbing and Services (CPC), Electrotechnology (UEE), Manufacturing and Engineering (MEM); and
 - construction-related Transport and Logistics (TLI) high risk licence units of competency.
- 3. Training/assessment is required to be performed face to face on a construction site (see point 2 above).
- 4. All student declarations and boot size information are completed by eligible students/training provider and submitted with the application.

Note: The Department will support PPE packs at its discretion based on the units of competency and related industry safety requirements.

For further details on the initiative and order process, please refer to the **updated** provider fact sheet, *Smart and Skilled – NSW Job Trainer/Skilling for Recovery – Construction – Step Safely into Construction with Personal Protective Equipment*, which is attached. The fact sheet is also available from STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

Queries on the initiative can be directed to: <u>SFR-construction.PPE@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.

3. RESEARCH PROJECT: UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIENCES OF ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS IN VET – PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment, in conjunction with the <u>GO Foundation</u>, has commissioned a research project, *Understanding the Experiences of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in VET*, which is being conducted by the 100 per cent Indigenous-owned consultancy, <u>Two Point Co</u>. The research will also be supported by UNSW's Centre for Social Impact.

Two Point Co are currently in the process of recruiting VET students and staff who may be interested in participating in the research, led by Shiralee Lawson, Senior Consultant and Wonnarua and Kunja woman, and Tiffanie Ireland, Director and Kamilaroi woman.

a. Background

Evidence shows that VET is a critically important pathway for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, with overwhelmingly greater engagement in comparison to higher education. However, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are more likely to face barriers such as institutional racism and lower completion rates.

The purpose of this research is to understand:

- Current and past VET students' experiences studying VET courses
- The role that culture plays as part of the experience
- The support services offered to Indigenous VET students, and
- The gaps or opportunities for the future development of a scholarship program for Indigenous students.

b. Contact

Providers are asked, if they have staff or students who may be interested in participating in the research project, to please contact Shiralee Lawson on 0400 270 730 or via email at shiralee@twopointco.com.au.

4. DOCUMENTARY ON ADULT LITERACY FOR TEACHER/TRAINER VIEWING

SBS is currently airing a three-part documentary, *Lost for Words*, which commenced on Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 8:30pm. The documentary looks at the challenges of adult literacy in contemporary Australia from the perspective of eight participants undertaking nine weeks of intensive literacy training – the first steps of their journey towards fulfilling their individual goals and potential.

Relevant viewing for all teachers and trainers, past episodes are available on SBS On Demand (www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/lost-for-words).

COVID-19 SMART AND SKILLED PROVIDER WEBINAR – FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2021 – AND RECORDING OF WEBINAR HELD 17 SEPTEMBER 2021

The recording of the last COVID-19 Smart and Skilled Provider Webinar with Minister Lee (held on Friday 17 September 2021) is available https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/news/articles/covid-19/fags_webinar.html.

a. Further information for providers

There is a dedicated COVID page on the Training Services NSW website at https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/news/articles/covid-update.html which is regularly updated. The FAQs on this page are broken down by audience as follows:

- Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)
- SBATs and apprentices and trainees
- Organisations employing apprentices and/or trainees
- Students

Please check the FAQs for RTOs at https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/news/articles/covid-19/faqs_rto.html for the latest responses to common provider questions.

6. UPDATE TO THE SMART AND SKILLED POLICY FOR THE SKILLING FOR RECOVERY INITIATIVE (VERSION 1.6)

The Smart and Skilled Policy for the Skilling for Recovery Initiative has been updated to reflect the new enrolment and training dates advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 147 (10 September 2021). Version 1.6 of the policy is attached for your reference and can also be found in STS Online > Smart & Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

The policy now specifies the following dates regarding the enrolment of students and commencement and/or completion of training under Skilling for Recovery:

• Full qualifications:

Providers can enrol students until 31 December 2021 and students may commence training until 31 March 2022.

• Part qualifications:

Providers can enrol students until 31 December 2021 and training must be completed by 30 June 2022.

7. NSW SKILLS LIST UPDATED - VERSION 12.2

The NSW Skills List has been updated. This update covers changes as a result:

- updates to Training Packages; and
- updates to Vocational Training Orders (VTOs).

Version 12.2 of the NSW Skills List is now available at:

https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html

Version 12.2 of the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* has also been updated to cover changes to the Skills List and is now available at:

https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html

Version 12.2 of the NSW Skills List and *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* are effective as of 27 September 2021.

a. Updates to the NSW Skills List

The NSW Skills List has been updated as a result of revisions to the following 15 Training Packages:

- · Agricultural, Horticultural and Conservation and Land Management
- Correctional Services
- Local Government
- Resources and Infrastructure Industry
- Construction, Plumbing and Services
- Automotive Retail, Service and Repair
- Sport, Fitness and Recreation
- Animal Care and Management
- Information and Communications Technology
- Property Services
- Aeroskills
- Racing and Breeding
- Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical
- Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector
- · Community Services.

i. Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List

Table 1 shows the superseding qualifications that are equivalent to their superseded version.

Please note that equivalent qualifications are updated automatically in your Approved Qualification Activity Schedules (AQAS) when the Training Package is updated and can be delivered under Smart and Skilled when this automatic update occurs.

Table 1

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
CHC30113	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	CHC30121	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
CHC30213	Certificate III in Education Support	CHC30221	Certificate III in School Based Education Support
CHC40213	Certificate IV in Education Support	CHC40221	Certificate IV in School Based Education Support
CHC50113	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	CHC50121	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
CHC50213	Diploma of School Age Education and Care	CHC50221	Diploma of School Age Education and Care

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
CSC40120	Certificate IV in Correctional Practice	CSC40121	Certificate IV in Correctional Practice
RGR20218	Certificate II in Racing Industry	RGR20221	Certificate II in Racing Industry
RGR40218	Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)	RGR40221	Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)
FBP20117	Certificate II in Food Processing	FBP20121	Certificate II in Food Processing
FBP20217	Certificate II in Baking	FBP20221	Certificate II in Baking
FBP30117	Certificate III in Food Processing	FBP30121	Certificate III in Food Processing
FBP30717	Certificate III in Rice Processing	FBP30721	Certificate III in Rice Processing
FBP30920	Certificate III in Wine Industry Operations	FBP30921	Certificate III in Wine Industry Operations
FBP30217	Certificate III in Plant Baking	FBP31121	Certificate III in High Volume Baking
FBP40318	Certificate IV in Food Processing	FBP40321	Certificate IV in Food Processing
FBP40418	Certificate IV in Food Science and Technology	FBP40421	Certificate IV in Food Science and Technology
UET30519	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Transmission Overhead	UET30521	Certificate III in ESI - Transmission Overhead
UET30619	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead	UET30621	Certificate III in ESI - Distribution Overhead
UET30719	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Rail Traction	UET30721	Certificate III in ESI - Rail Traction
UET30819	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Cable Jointing	UET30821	Certificate III in ESI - Distribution Underground
UET40519	Certificate IV in ESI - Power Systems Substations	UET40521	Certificate IV in ESI - Power Systems Substations
UET50319	Diploma of ESI - Power Systems Operations	UET50321	Diploma of ESI - Power Systems Operations

b. VTO changes affecting the NSW Skills List

Following updates to NSW VTOs, a number of superseding qualifications detailed in previous Smart and Skilled Updates can now be delivered under apprenticeship and traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled. These qualifications are shown in **Table 2 overpage.**

Table 2

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates		
Qualification code	Qualification name	Available pathway
ACM20121	Certificate II in Animal Care	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
ACM30321	Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care	Traineeship
ACM40121	Certificate IV in Animal Regulation and Management	Traineeship
ACM40221	Certificate IV in Animal Facility Management	Traineeship
ACM40321	Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training	Traineeship
AHC20320	Certificate II in Production Horticulture	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
AHC20520	Certificate II in Arboriculture	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
AHC20720	Certificate II in Nursery Operations	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
AHC21020	Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
AHC30620	Certificate III in Production Horticulture	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
AHC30916	Certificate III in Landscape Construction	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
AHC31016	Certificate III in Parks and Gardens	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
AHC31120	Certificate III in Nursery Operations	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
AHC31319	Certificate III in Sports Turf Management	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
AHC31818	Certificate III in Beekeeping	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
AHC40320	Certificate IV in Production Horticulture	Traineeship
AHC41019	Certificate IV in Agribusiness	Traineeship
AUR32320	Certificate III in Automotive and Marine Trimming Technology	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CHC30121	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates		
Qualification code	Qualification name	Available pathway
CHC50121	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	Traineeship
CHC30221	Certificate III in School Based Education Support	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
CHC40221	Certificate IV in School Based Education Support	Traineeship
CHC50221	Diploma of School Age Education and Care	Traineeship
CHC42221	Certificate IV in Housing	Traineeship
CPC20120	Certificate II in Construction	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
CPC30120	Certificate III in Shopfitting	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC30220	Certificate III in Carpentry	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC30620	Certificate III in Painting and Decorating	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC30820	Certificate III in Roof Tiling	Apprenticeship
CPC31020	Certificate III in Solid Plastering	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC31220	Certificate III in Wall and Ceiling Lining	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC31320	Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC31920	Certificate III in Joinery	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC32320	Certificate III in Stonemasonry	Apprenticeship
CPC32420	Certificate III in Plumbing	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC32620	Certificate III in Roof Plumbing	Apprenticeship
CPC32820	Certificate III in Fire Protection	Apprenticeship
CPC33020	Certificate III in Bricklaying and Blocklaying	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship
CPC40120	Certificate IV in Building and Construction	Traineeship
CPC40120	Certificate IV in Building and Construction	Traineeship
CPC40120	Certificate IV in Building and Construction	Traineeship
CPC40920	Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services	Traineeship

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates		
Qualification code	Qualification name	Available pathway
CPC50220	Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)	Traineeship
CPC60220	Advanced Diploma of Building and Construction (Management)	Traineeship
CPP30221	Certificate III in Surveying and Spatial Information Services	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship
CPP41721	Certificate IV in Surveying and Spatial Information Services	Traineeship
CPP50121	Diploma of Surveying	Traineeship
CPP50221	Diploma of Spatial Information Services	Traineeship
CSC40120	Certificate IV in Correctional Practice	Traineeship
ICT50220	Diploma of Information Technology	Traineeship
LGA50120	Diploma of Local Government	Traineeship
MEA50219	Diploma of Aeroskills (Mechanical)	Apprenticeship
RII60620	Advanced Diploma of Civil Construction	Traineeship
RII30120	Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations	Traineeship
RII20220	Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations	Traineeship
SIS30115	Certificate III in Sport and Recreation	Traineeship + School Based Traineeship

i. Removal of apprenticeships and traineeships on the Skills List

Table 3 shows the qualifications that have had their traineeships and apprenticeships removed as a result of updates to NSW VTOs.

Table 3

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates		
Qualification code	Qualification name	
ACM20117	Certificate II in Animal Studies	
ACM30117	Certificate III in Animal Studies	
ACM30317	Certificate III in Captive Animals	
ACM30417	Certificate III in Companion Animal Services	
ACM40117	Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation	
ACM40317	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services	

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled	Updates

Qualification code	Qualification name
AHC30816	Certificate III in Arboriculture
AHC31716	Certificate III in Natural Area Restoration
CPC40912	Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services
CPP30216	Certificate III in Surveying and Spatial Information Services
CPP40216	Certificate IV in Surveying
CPP40316	Certificate IV in Spatial Information Services
CPP50116	Diploma of Surveying
CPP50216	Diploma of Spatial Information Services
ICT20115	Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
LGA30104	Certificate III in Local Government
LGA50712	Diploma of Local Government
CPC31511	Certificate III in Formwork/Falsework
CPC32011	Certificate III in Carpentry and Joinery
CPC32211	Certificate III in Joinery (Stairs)
CPC32413	Certificate III in Plumbing
ACM30617	Certificate III in Pet Grooming
CHC30213	Certificate III in Education Support
CHC40213	Certificate IV in Education Support
CHC42215	Certificate IV in Social Housing

8. SUMMER SKILLS 2021/22 UPDATE

a. The Summer Skills website is now live

The Department has launched a <u>Summer Skills website</u> for students, who can now visit the program's page to explore the wide range of courses offered across NSW and contact training providers to enrol. Potential learners are able to search for courses by key words and filter them by region to find the training and locations which best meet their needs.

i. Please check your data

Participating providers are asked to please check and maintain the accuracy and currency of their course information (including contact details) via STS Online, as the web data is drawn directly from the system.

If you cannot find the Summer Skills courses your organisation is offering on the page, please contact your Strategic Relationship Manager (SRM) or local Skills Broker.

b. Promotional collateral available for participating Providers

To assist in the promotion of your Summer Skills courses, there is also a <u>Summer Skills for RTOs</u> page on the Training Services NSW website which offers a range of branded material for use by Smart and Skilled providers with approved Summer Skills courses. This includes editable flyers and social media assets for use on your digital channels. The page also contains approved key messages for social media posts or newsletter articles.

c. For Providers wishing to participate

If you wish to be part of the Summer Skills program and have not previously indicated an intent to participate, please contact your SRM or Skills Broker to discuss. Training Needs Identification applications (TNIs) related to Summer Skills will not be considered unless they have been negotiated prior to submission with your SRM or local Skills Broker.

9. INTRODUCING THE VET DATA STREAMLINING PROJECT

The VET Data Streamlining project is a joint initiative between the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) and vocational education and training (VET) regulators to improve the way VET training activity data is collected and used across the VET sector nationally.

The project entails the development of a new VET information standard, to be supported by cloud-based digital technology which will introduce a "one stop shop" portal for all VET data reporting.

VET Data Streamlining will improve data submission and validation by training providers and State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs), increasing the availability, timeliness, and relevance of VET data for all users.

a. Responsibilities

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) is responsible for:

- the development of centralised technology for new data submission, storage and access arrangements
- preparation of a national legislative and policy framework to enable implementation of VET Data Streamlining
- coordination of change and engagement to assist jurisdictions, RTOs and Student Management System (SMS) providers in the transition to the new technology.

NCVER is leading the development of the new national VET information standard, which includes:

new data elements and modifications to some existing elements

- a national business glossary and technical dictionary
- a contemporary data model.

NCVER is also supporting jurisdictions, RTOs and SMS providers to transition to the new national standard.

State and territory governments are responsible for implementing VET Data Streamlining in their state or territory.

b. Timeframe and consultations

DESE, NCVER and partner states and territories will be engaging with RTOs and student management system (SMS) providers to understand how the implementation of VET Data Streamlining will impact these businesses.

DESE are holding initial discovery workshops with a small group of RTOs and SMS providers this month (October 2021). These workshops will inform the preliminary development of the VET information standard and the new VET data IT system. DESE and the vendor they have engaged for this project (WhereTo Research) will contact participating organisations directly. Organisations not involved in these initial workshops will have the opportunity to participate in subsequent consultations and surveys.

More information will be made available as the project progresses.

For support with issues such as system/information access and functionality, reporting, and other technical matters, please contact Training Market Customer Support at Training.Market@det.nsw.edu.au. Unless otherwise indicated, please refer enquiries regarding specific operational matters such as Financial Caps, and programs/initiatives such as Skilling for Recovery to your Strategic Relationship Manager, as advised in the relevant Smart and Skilled Update.

If you require further information for students or employers, please contact Training Market Customer Support, as above, unless otherwise instructed.