

Smart and Skilled

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1. TRAINING NEEDS IDENTIFICATION (TNIS) FOR 2023-2024

Training Needs Identification (TNI) applications seeking Targeted Priorities Pre-Vocational and Part Qualifications (TPPPQ) Program funding for part qualifications delivered in the 2023-24 Activity Period will be accepted from early July 2023. Providers will be notified via a Smart and Skilled Update when they can commence submitting TNIs.

2. PART QUALIFICATIONS SKILLS LIST

There is no associated part qualifications skills list for the Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualification (TPPPQ) program unlike for full qualifications (the NSW Skills List) and for Skilling for Recovery part qualifications.

From time to time a part qualification list may be published for targeted campaigns under TPPPQ. These will be published during the rollout of these campaigns.

A process for developing and publishing a part qualifications skills list for the TPPPQ program more broadly is planned. Providers will be updated on the process and timeframe when it is clearer.

3. SKILLS COMPARE UPDATED

a. Skills Compare updated to display 2023-24 courses and providers

As advised in Smart and Skilled Update no. 209 the Department has now issued Smart and Skilled Contract Offers and Review Notices for the 2023-24 Activity Period associated with the Smart and Skilled provider application held in late 2022.

In preparation for the new Activity Period, the Skills Compare tool is being updated to display courses and providers for 2023-24 only. Once providers have accepted their contract offers or review notices in STS Online, full qualification delivery information, as detailed on Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules (AQAS), should appear on Skills Compare the following week. For most 2023-24 providers, this will mean that data for the new Activity Period is live from 19 June 2023.

Information on part qualifications and the providers that can deliver them will generally only appear on Skills Compare for Targeted Campaigns that have an associated Part qualification List.

The Skills Compare tool can be viewed on the Skills NSW website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw>

b. Provider performance ratings refreshed with 2021 Student Outcomes and Indicators metrics

Skills Compare previously displayed performance data from the 2020 Student Outcome Survey (SOS) for existing providers. After receiving their 2021 VET Student Outcomes Snapshot in December 2022, existing Smart and Skilled providers had an opportunity to raise questions or concerns with the Department. Skills Compare has now been refreshed with data from the 2021 Snapshots.

Three of the indicators (satisfaction, employee benefit, and non-drop-out rate) from the 2021 Snapshots appear publicly in the Skills Compare tool at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw>

These are displayed on Skills Compare as 'Student satisfaction', 'Job ready' and 'Finished the course' respectively.

Please note that this data will not yet appear for new Smart and Skilled providers for 2023-24.

If you have any questions or comments relating to Skills Compare, please email MarketDesign.Implementation@det.nsw.edu.au

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