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## 1. TRAINING COMPLETION CUT OFF DATE FOR THE SMART AND SKILLED TARGETED PRIORITIES PREVOCATIONAL AND PART QUALIFICATIONS (TPPPQ) PROGRAM: 31 MAY 2023

As in previous years, Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications (TPPPQ) program training delivery must be completed by 31 May 2023. This is a necessary budgetary cycle measure. Providers should not submit Training Needs Identification applications (TNIs) with training completion dates beyond 31 May 2023. Extensions will not be granted beyond this date.

A significant number of Provider Activity Schedules (PASs) with training completion dates beyond 31 May 2023 have been identified. Affected providers will be contacted or have already been contacted by the relevant Training Services NSW regional office to review completion timeframes.

### **Please note:**

The 31 May 2023 cut-off date does not apply for part qualifications funded via Commonwealth agreements, i.e. Skilling for Recovery and NSW Fee Free. Part qualifications under these initiatives must be completed by the completion date on the PAS. No completion date extensions can be approved for Skilling for Recovery.

## 2. NEW SKILLS LIST MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE – VERSION 3.1

The NSW Skills List Management Policy has been updated. Version 3.1 is now available:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/skills-list-management-policy>

### **a. Skills List Review**

NSW Skills List Management Policy Version 3.1 outlines the new Skills List Review, which includes the process for the upcoming Skills List Additions Application.

The Department is introducing a data-driven annual review process to identify qualifications for potential addition to or removal from the Skills List. This enhanced process assesses qualifications against three main criteria: industry demand, student outcomes and disadvantaged student participation. The Skills List Review assesses qualifications using data from internal and external sources with stakeholder feedback. This quantitative and qualitative information is weighed equally in the new scoring process.

The Skills List Review will be conducted towards the start of each year. It is being implemented in two phases:

- **April 2023:** Skills List Additions Application only – see below for more detail.
- **Early 2024:** the first annual holistic Skills List Review. This includes the Department identifying qualifications for potential addition or removal as well as the stakeholder additions application process.

Please consult the NSW Skills List Management Policy v3.1 for further detail.

### b. Low performing qualifications

In Smart and Skilled Update No. 186 we advised providers we were introducing targeted delivery conditions for eight (8) low-performing qualifications, to improve employment, further study and social inclusion outcomes for students. Previously, we indicated these conditions would appear on relevant Smart and Skilled providers' Activity Schedules from 1 July 2023.

Instead, providers delivering the qualifications listed in Table 1 will receive letters notifying them of our recommended delivery conditions for these qualifications. These qualifications are also indicated on the NSW Skills List with the tags noted.

The recommended delivery conditions have been developed in response to a review of outcomes data and extensive stakeholder consultation. Adhering to these conditions will improve providers' performance and help deliver better outcomes for students. The Department will continue to closely monitor outcomes for these qualifications and may contact relevant providers or review the conditions implementation if there is insufficient improvement.

The NSW Skills List Management Policy v3.1 provides further information on these delivery conditions and their implementation.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/skills-list-management-policy>

Table 1: low-performing qualifications - delivery conditions

Code	Title	Condition	Skills List tag
<b>SFL30115</b>	Certificate III in Floristry	Providers to improve connection to industry	C-IC
<b>SHB50121</b>	Diploma of Beauty Therapy	Providers to improve connection to industry	C-IC
<b>CPP41419</b>	Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice	Providers to improve connection to industry	C-IC
<b>CUA60520</b>	Advanced Diploma of Music	Providers to improve connection to industry	C-IC
<b>SIR40316</b>	Certificate IV in Retail	Industry experience required for enrolment	C-ER

Code	Title	Condition	Skills List tag
	Management		
<b>FNS42022</b>	Certificate IV in Banking Services	Industry experience required for enrolment	C-ER
<b>TLI30321</b>	Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations	Limited number of Smart and Skilled commencements for full qualification	C-CL
<b>TLI40321</b>	Certificate IV in Supply Chain Operations	Limited number of Smart and Skilled commencements for full qualification	C-CL

### 3. NSW SKILLS LIST ADDITIONS APPLICATION OPENED ON 28 APRIL 2023

The Skills List Additions Application is an opportunity for external stakeholders to propose qualifications to be added to the NSW Skills List for delivery under Smart and Skilled.

In 2023, the Skills List Additions Application will be assessed using the new Skills List Review process, in which qualitative information from the stakeholder application is weighed equally with quantitative data. For further information about the assessment process, please see the updated Skills List Management Policy v3.1.

**The NSW Skills List Additions Application 2023 will open at 9:00am on Friday 28 April 2023. It will close on Friday 26 May 2023 at 11:59pm.**

Before completing an application, applicants should ensure the requested qualification is not already on the NSW Skills List:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/nsw-skills-list>

The Application is open to all interested stakeholders. Applications will be accepted through an online form. NSW industry Training Advisory Bodies (ITABs) will be notified when the application portal opens. To be directly notified when the Application opens, please contact us at:

[MarketDesign.Implementation@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:MarketDesign.Implementation@det.nsw.edu.au).

For support with issues such as system/information access and functionality, reporting, and other technical matters, please contact Training Services NSW - Customer Service & Operations at [TSNSWCust.Service@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:TSNSWCust.Service@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.

*Please note that this update is for the information of approved Smart and Skilled Providers only. If Providers require further information for students or employers, please contact Training Services NSW, as above, unless otherwise instructed.*