

SkillsIQ NSW ITAB eNews

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Welcome to the August issue of the SkillsIQ NSW ITAB eNews as stay-at-home orders for rural and regional NSW are extended to 10 September, Greater Sydney lockdown enters its 10th week, state borders tighten, and the New Zealand travel bubble bursts. This bulletin provides updates on SkillsIQ training package projects, NSW and Commonwealth government assistance, Skill Up from Home opportunities, NSW Skills List update, National Skills Week, and the 2021 Training Award Finalists.

Training Package Update

SIT Tourism, Travel and Hospitality

- [Events](#) Draft 2 pending following the IRC meeting
- [Travel](#) Draft 2 pending following the IRC meeting
- [Tourism](#) Draft 2 pending following the IRC meeting
- [Hospitality](#) Draft 2 pending following the IRC meeting
- [Cookery](#) Final submission to go to the AISC meeting in October
- [Responsible Service of Alcohol \(RSA\)](#) Approved for endorsement by the AISC at its July meeting with a deferral of release until the remaining SIT projects are approved at the end of 2021.

SIR Retail Services

- [Visual Merchandising](#) Approved for endorsement by the AISC at its July meeting and now pending State and Territory Skills Ministers' endorsement.

SHB Hairdressing and Beauty Services

- [Beauty](#) Approved for endorsement by the AISC at its August meeting and now pending State and Territory Skills Ministers' endorsement.

SIS Sport, Fitness and Recreation

- [Fitness](#) Approved for endorsement by the AISC at its July meeting and now pending State and Territory Skills Ministers' Endorsement.

COVID-19 economic support

The latest relief measures announced by Federal and State governments last month were reported in the July issue, however the links to the various support programs have been included in this issue for easy access. Most are administered through Service NSW and applications can be live tracked through this [Service NSW link](#).

- [2021 COVID-19 Business Grants](#)
- [2021 COVID-19 Micro business grants](#)
- [2021 COVID-19 JobSaver payments](#)
- [NSW small business fees and charges rebate](#)
- [Payroll and land tax relief](#)
- [Click here](#) to view the latest NSW Government updates on COVID-19 rules
- [Summary of measures](#) provided by NSW Government.

Rent Relief - NSW Government announced greater protection and financial support for commercial tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19 through the establishment of a new \$40million Hardship Fund for small commercial or retail landlords who provide rental waivers. The National Cabinet's Mandatory [Code of Conduct](#) for Commercial Leasing mandating rent relief is also being re-introduced. For more information on grants and financial assistance including rent relief for commercial tenants, visit [Service NSW](#).

The Australian Fair Work Ombudsman has provided an update on their website with information and guidance on vaccinations and the workplace; health and safety issues in the workplace; privacy rights and obligations; and financial support available through NSW Government, grants, and assistance as well as COVID-19 Disaster payments for workers affected by coronavirus restrictions. Click here for more information.

Training Services NSW Update

Training Services has announced the new [Skill Up from Home](#) program offering 45 short online part qualifications free to those meeting the eligibility requirements under Skilling for Recovery. It is focused on delivery by Smart and Skilled providers in the regions impacted by ongoing lockdowns for those unable to work or at risk of unemployment. Part qualifications include Infection Control, Hospitality (RSA, RGS and Hygiene), Retail Customer Service, Retail, Food Handling and Safety, Food Safety Supervisor, Manage Disrespectful, Aggressive and Abusive Customers and other business (including digital technologies), finance, leadership, and management skills.

Training Services has released the [NSW Skills List Update](#) covering all versions from February to July. It includes the addition of new qualifications to the list, updates and VTO changes affecting the Skills List.

Training Services NSW continues to provide **updated advice on training delivery** in NSW as restrictions change. Click to access the latest advice (20 August) [for SBATs and apprentices and trainees](#); [training providers](#); [organisations employing apprentices and trainees](#) and [information for students](#). In a nutshell, formal training should be delivered online or deferred where possible and employment must comply with Public Health Orders.

The new [Market Comparison Tool](#), designed to help users choose a training provider or course that will help them achieve their career goals. You are invited to have a look and provide feedback.

The new Careers NSW pilot goes live in September before a full roll out in 2022. It aims to provide access to professional high-quality personalised careers guidance and advice from inspirational ambassadors, industry experts, employers and careers advisors to workers, graduates and students. Contact the Careers NSW team: careersnsw@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

[NSW Training Awards](#) state finalists have been announced. Good luck to:

SBAT of the Year finalists; Tyler Pockran Certificate III in Commercial Cookery and Gabriella Adeline Certificate IV in Patisserie, both from the Central & Northern Sydney region; Chelsea McInnes Certificate II in Hospitality North and Mid North Coast region; Hannah Walker Certificate III in Tourism from the Riverina/Murray region.

VET in Schools Student of the Year finalist; Ayla Bird Certificate II in Kitchen Operations Western NSW region Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year finalist; Tamazyn Ledden Certificate II in Hospitality North & Mid North Coast region. VET trainer of the Year finalists; Karla Kimber Hospitality & Kitchen Operations South & South Western Sydney; Robyn Edwards Hospitality Illawarra & South East; David Foster Commercial Cookery North & Mid North Coast. Winners will be announced at the NSW Training Awards Presentation on [Facebook Live](#) on 9 October and will be finalists at the National Training Awards in November in Perth.

Skills reform

[DESE VET Qualifications Reform Survey](#) is now open, and stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on how new qualification design concepts might work in practice. DESE will be conducting a series of webinars in

September to provide advice on the new qualification design concepts. The Skills Reform includes simplifying, streamlining and rationalising national VET qualifications across industry occupation groupings and the Australian Qualifications Framework as an immediate priority, to strengthen the training system and support Australia's immediate recovery. The survey is open until 20 September.

NCVER & National Skills Week 2021

As [National Skills Week](#) comes to a close, it's timely to reflect on the value to VET to our lives in providing much needed skills, careers for young people and building our economy. National Skills Week raises the profile and status of VET in Australia by dispelling outdated myths and highlighting the talents, skills, career pathways, and value of skills-based training for individuals, employers and the broader economy. The theme for this year, *RETHINK your ideas*, invited us to explore what VET is about and its role in preparing people for the future of work. This goal is more important than ever, with the reskilling and upskilling of Australian workers critical to Australia's economic recovery in a post-COVID-19 world. You can explore topics related to the implications of COVID-19 for VET through NCVER's podcast episodes titled [Vocational Voices](#) and through their range of [research reports](#) or do your own research by exploring using their new [dashboard](#) which provides detailed information, data slicing, visualisation's on VET students numbers, courses, outcomes and destinations.

National Skills Commission

Last week we had the opportunity to listen to Adam Boyton, National Skills Commissioner, in a live webinar conversation with Claire Field. He was the guest of the National Apprenticeship Employment Network, invited to talk about the VET skills critical to future workforce growth. He noted the key role of the VET sector in addressing skills shortages and the growing demand for technical and trade workers. Projected job growth industry areas are dominated by the services sector; health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, professional, scientific and technical services, and education and training. These four sectors are projected to contribute over half of all jobs growth in the next 5 years.

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