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1. SKILLING FOR RECOVERY – SKILL UP FROM HOME PART QUALIFICATIONS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

As announced by the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, the Hon Dr Geoffrey Lee MP, at the most recent COVID-19 Smart and Skilled Provider Webinar (held Friday 6 August 2021), Smart and Skilled Providers are now invited to express their interest in delivering Skilling for Recovery (SfR) approved part qualifications under the **Skill Up from Home** program.

Skill Up from Home involves targeted delivery of SfR approved part qualifications in the Greater Sydney, Wollongong, Shellharbour, Blue Mountains, Hunter/Upper Hunter and Central Coast areas (and any other regions that may be subject to lockdown restrictions) for:

- people residing in these areas who are unable to work
- staff of business that operate in these areas who are at risk of unemployment

due to the current COVID-19 lockdown orders in these areas.

These part qualifications must be delivered rapidly and wholly online (training and assessment of all units of competency) while people are required to stay at home. Training will provide those residents in the locked down areas the opportunity to access training without leaving their homes.

The list of SfR part qualifications available for funding under this program is attached.

a. Eligibility to apply

To be eligible to express interest, an organisation must:

1. be a current Smart and Skilled provider;
2. have the Units of Competency for all SfR approved part qualifications they are applying for on their ASQA scope of registration in NSW; and
3. have a satisfactory Smart and Skilled performance monitoring status as determined by the Department.

b. Evaluation process

The Department will evaluate the Skill Up from Home EOI applications and successful providers will be informed of the outcome via the issue of a PAS(s) by the end of August 2021. Training Services NSW regional staff may be in touch prior to issuing the PAS to discuss your application further

Applications will be assessed against:

- the Provider's past performance under Smart and Skilled;
- their performance in delivering SfR part qualifications (including funding usage, i.e. enrolment and commencement rates)

and will take into account the viability of the requested part qualification delivery in determining which providers are successful and how much funding they receive.

PASs offered to providers under the Skill Up from Home EOI process will have set minimum levels of funding.

c. Enrolment and commencement period

The enrolment and commencement periods for PASs offered under the Skill Up from Home EOI process can be **no later than 30 September 2021**.

d. Terms and Conditions

An organisation that responds to the Skill Up from Home EOI and is approved to deliver the training outlined in the Skill Up from Home EOI:

1. Agrees to comply with the Smart and Skilled contract, including all relevant policies;
2. Agrees to only deliver online training under Skill Up from Home in accordance with the COVID-19 lockdown orders in Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Illawarra, Central Coast, Hunter/Upper Hunter, and any other affected regions; and
3. Agrees to maintain compliance with SafeWork NSW if they are delivering part qualifications relating to high risk/asbestos removal and other SafeWork NSW licensed outcomes.

e. How to apply

Complete the Skill Up from Home EOI application form included with this update and submit to marketdesign.implementation@det.nsw.edu.au by **5.00pm Wednesday 18 August 2021** (AEST). The EOI must be completed by either your Chief Executive Officer or Smart and Skilled Provider Representative (as recorded in STS Online).

Providers can apply for funding for up to 10 part qualifications. These 10 part qualifications are split up by the Skilling for Recovery – Construction (SFR-C) and Skilling for Recovery – Redeployment and Youth (SFR-R&Y) Programs. No more than five (5) part qualifications can be applied for under each stream.

f. Closing date – 5.00pm Wednesday 18 August 2021 (AEST)

The closing date for Skill Up from Home EOI application is **5.00pm Wednesday 18 August 2021 (AEST)**. Late applications will not be considered.

The Skill Up from Home EOI must be completed by either your Chief Executive Officer or nominated Smart and Skilled Provider Representative (as recorded in STS Online)

Applications will only be accepted in the application template provided by the Department.

Applications must be sent to the following email address:

marketdesign.implementation@det.nsw.edu.au

g. Attachments

Attached to this update are the following documents:

- List of Skilling for Recovery part qualifications – Skill Up from Home
- Skilling for Recovery part qualifications – Skill Up from Home EOI application form
- Skilling for Recovery part qualifications – Skill Up from Home EOI application – User Guide

h. Contact

If you have any enquiries regarding the Skill Up from Home EOI process, please contact the Training Services NSW – Skills Broker in your region. Phone your local Training Services NSW office on 13 28 11 and ask to speak to a skills broker. (More information on Skills Brokers is available at training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/sfr/skills_brokers).

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.

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 Market Customer Support, as above, unless otherwise instructed.