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## 1. FEE FREE TRAINEESHIPS – FOR TRAINING STARTING ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2020

Smart and Skilled training will be fee free for NSW trainees and school based trainees who commence their traineeship qualification on or after 1 January 2020 through the Smart and Skilled Fee Free Traineeship Initiative.

Under this arrangement, the Department will pay the full student fee to the provider on behalf of the trainee. The subsidy will therefore cover the total cost of the training (i.e. the qualification price).

Fee free training will be available to commencing trainees for four years, until 31 December 2023.

Trainees will be eligible for up to three fee free traineeships over the duration of the initiative.

### a. Smart and Skilled Fee Free Traineeships Policy

The *Smart and Skilled Policy for the Fee Free Traineeship Initiative*, which includes the eligibility criteria, is attached.

Providers must comply with this policy. The Department will monitor compliance and failure to comply with the policy is an Event of Default, in accordance with clause 13 of the Smart and Skilled contract. This may lead to suspension or termination of a provider's Smart and Skilled contract.

The policy is also available at STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

#### **b. Notifying the Department of enrolments under this initiative**

Providers will be able to submit Notification of Enrolments in the Provider Calculator for eligible trainees using the fee waiver function from today.

A fact sheet on how to do this using the single student and multiple student process is attached and is also available at STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all eligible trainees are enrolled under this initiative.

#### **c. Eligible trainees that have been enrolled prior to today**

Trainees that have already enrolled with a training start date of 1 January 2020 or later and meet the eligibility criteria will also be able to access fee free training.

The Department will retrospectively adjust the enrolment in the Smart and Skilled database and apply the fee waiver for any affected trainees. Emails will be sent to providers of any affected trainees once this is done.

On receipt of the email providers must let affected trainees know that their training is free and must refund to them or their employer (if the employer has paid) any fees paid to date.

#### **d. Fee Administration Policies**

The *Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy* and the *School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program Fee Administration Policy* have been updated to reflect the changes to traineeship fees. Copies of these updated policies are attached.

These documents are also available from the Training Services NSW website at [https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/contract\\_policy\\_2020.html](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/contract_policy_2020.html).

## **2. NSW SKILLS LIST AND SMART AND SKILLED PRICES AND FEES SCHEDULE UPDATED – VERSIONS 9.2 AND 10.1 RELEASED**

The NSW Skills List and the Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule have been updated.

The updates cover changes as a result of:

- the addition of a new qualification
- updates to Training Packages
- changes to Vocational Training Orders (VTOs) for superseding qualifications
- the introduction of the Fee Free Traineeships Initiative.

Version 9.2 takes effect as of 28 October 2019, while version 10.1 applies to all training commencing on or after 1 January 2020.

Versions 9.2 and 10.1 of the NSW Skills List are now available at [www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw\\_skills\\_list.html](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html)

Versions 9.2 and 10.1 of the Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule are now available at [https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices\\_fees.html](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html).

### a. New qualification on the NSW Skills List

The Department of Education has completed the first of its half-yearly NSW Skills List reviews planned for 2019.

**Table 1** shows the qualification added to the Skills List as a result (CPC20712 Certificate II in Drainage), as well as its prices and fees under Smart and Skilled.

**Table 1**

New qualifications on the Skills List					
Qualification code	Qualification title	Price	First qualification fee	Subsequent qualification fee	Concession fee
CPC20712	Certificate II in Drainage	\$4,490	\$1,350	\$1,620	\$160

#### i. Applying to deliver this qualification under Smart and Skilled

Approved Smart and Skilled Providers with the above qualification on their scope of registration in NSW may apply to deliver it using their current Financial Caps for the 2019-20 Activity Period.

Please contact your Strategic Relationship Manager to make a request to add the additional qualification to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule.

More information on how to add qualifications to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules can be found in the *Smart and Skilled Policy for Market Management in the 2019-20 Activity Period* which is available in STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

### b. Training Package updates affecting the NSW Skills List

The published NSW Skills List has been updated to reflect the revisions to the ACM, AVI, BSB, CPP, ICT, MEM, MST, PUA, RGR, SFI, SIS and UET Training Packages.

#### i. Equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List

**Table 2** shows the superseding qualifications that are equivalent to their superseded version. The superseding qualifications in **Table 2** retain the same prices and fees as their superseded versions.

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

**Table 2**

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
AVI20216	Certificate II in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service)	AVI20219	Certificate II in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service)
AVI30116	Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew)	AVI30219	Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew)
AVI40216	Certificate IV in Aviation (Aviation Supervision)	AVI40219	Certificate IV in Aviation (Aviation Supervision)

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
AVI50215	Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)	AVI50219	Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)
AVI50415	Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)	AVI50419	Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)
BSB41415	Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety	BSB41419	Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
BSB51315	Diploma of Work Health and Safety	BSB51319	Diploma of Work Health and Safety
CPP30115	Certificate III in Urban Pest Management	CPP30119	Certificate III in Urban Pest Management
MEM20205	Certificate II in Engineering - Production Technology	MEM20219	Certificate II in Engineering - Production Technology
MEM30105	Certificate III in Engineering - Production Systems	MEM30119	Certificate III in Engineering - Production Systems
MEM30605	Certificate III in Jewellery Manufacture	MEM30619	Certificate III in Jewellery Manufacture
MEM30705	Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction	MEM30719	Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction
MEM30805	Certificate III in Locksmithing	MEM30819	Certificate III in Locksmithing
MEM31010	Certificate III in Watch and Clock Service and Repair	MEM31019	Certificate III in Watch and Clock Service and Repair
MEM31112	Certificate III in Engineering - Composites Trade	MEM31119	Certificate III in Engineering - Composites Trade
MEM40105	Certificate IV in Engineering	MEM40119	Certificate IV in Engineering
MEM50105	Diploma of Engineering - Advanced Trade	MEM50119	Diploma of Engineering - Advanced Trade
MST30716	Certificate III in Dry Cleaning Operations	MST30719	Certificate III in Dry Cleaning Operations
MST30816	Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology	MST30819	Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology
MST50116	Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising	MST50119	Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising
PUA20613	Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations)	PUA20619	Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations)
PUA20713	Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations)	PUA20719	Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations)
PUA30613	Certificate III in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations)	PUA30619	Certificate III in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations)
SFI20111	Certificate II in Aquaculture	SFI20119	Certificate II in Aquaculture
SFI20211	Certificate II in Fishing Operations	SFI20219	Certificate II in Fishing Operations
SFI20611	Certificate II in Seafood Industry (Sales and Distribution)	SFI20319	Certificate II in Seafood Post Harvest Operations
SFI30111	Certificate III in Aquaculture	SFI30119	Certificate III in Aquaculture
SFI30611	Certificate III in Seafood Industry (Sales and Distribution)	SFI30319	Certificate III in Seafood Post Harvest Operations
SFI40111	Certificate IV in Aquaculture	SFI40119	Certificate IV in Aquaculture

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
SFI40611	Certificate IV in Seafood Industry Sales and Distribution	SFI40219	Certificate IV in Seafood Post Harvest Operations
SIS30613	Certificate III in Sport Career Oriented Participation	SIS30419	Certificate III in Sport - Athlete
SIS30713	Certificate III in Sport Coaching	SIS30519	Certificate III in Sport Coaching
UET30512	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Transmission Overhead	UET30519	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Transmission Overhead
UET30612	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead	UET30619	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead
UET30712	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Rail Traction	UET30719	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Rail Traction
UET30812	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Cable Jointing	UET30819	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Cable Jointing
UET40512	Certificate IV in ESI - Power Systems Substations	UET40519	Certificate IV in ESI - Power Systems Substations
UET50312	Diploma of ESI - Power Systems Operations	UET50319	Diploma of ESI - Power Systems Operations

## ii. Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List

**Table 3** shows superseding qualifications that are not equivalent to their superseded version.

**Table 3**

Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
ACM30217	Certificate III in Animal Technology	ACM30219	Certificate III in Animal Technology
ACM30517	Certificate IV in Farriery	ACM40818	Certificate IV in Farriery
ACM30717	Certificate III in Horse Breeding	RGR30619	Certificate III in Horse Breeding
AVI20116	Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations-Cargo Services)	AVI20119	Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations-Cargo Services)
AVI30216	Certificate III in Aviation (Rescue Crewman)	AVI30519	Certificate III in Aviation (Rescue Crew Officer)
AVI30316	Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot - Visual Line of Sight)	AVI30419	Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot)
AVI30416	Certificate III in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service)	AVI30319	Certificate III in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service)
BSB30715	Certificate III in Work Health and Safety	BSB30719	Certificate III in Work Health and Safety
BSB60615	Advanced Diploma of Work Health and Safety	BSB60619	Advanced Diploma of Work Health and Safety
CPP20307	Certificate II in Technical Security	CPP20319	Certificate II in Technical Security
CPP30507	Certificate III in Technical Security	CPP30519	Certificate III in Technical Security

Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
ICT20215	Certificate II in Telecommunications Network Build and Operate	ICT20219	Certificate II in Telecommunications Network Build and Operation
ICT20315	Certificate II in Telecommunications Technology	ICT20319	Certificate II in Telecommunications Technology
ICT30415	Certificate III in Telecommunications Network Build and Operate	ICT30419	Certificate III in Telecommunications Network Build and Operation
ICT30515	Certificate III in Telecommunications Technology	ICT30519	Certificate III in Telecommunications Technology
ICT41115	Certificate IV in Telecommunications Network Design	ICT41119	Certificate IV in Telecommunications Network Design
ICT41215	Certificate IV in Telecommunications Engineering Technology	ICT41219	Certificate IV in Telecommunications Engineering Technology
RGR30418	Certificate III in Racing Services	RGR30419	Certificate III in Racing Services
SIS20213	Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation	SIS20419	Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
SIS30413	Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation	SIS30619	Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership
SIS40313	Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation	SIS40619	Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership
SIS50310	Diploma of Outdoor Recreation	SIS50419	Diploma of Outdoor Leadership

The Department has priced the Certificate IV in Farriery (ACM40818) on its own merits. This was warranted as it has an increased AQF level compared to the qualification it is replacing (ACM30517), indicating that there are significant differences in composition between the two qualifications. The price of the Certificate IV in Farriery has therefore increased to reflect its greater complexity. The student fees for the Certificate IV in Farriery under the Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Full Qualification (TPFQ) pathway have also increased to reflect the change in AQF level. The increased price and fees are shown in **Table 4**.

All other superseding qualifications in **Table 3** retain the same prices and fees as their superseded versions.

**Table 4**

Changes in price and fees for the Certificate IV in Farriery (ACM40818)					
Previous price	New price	Previous first qualification fee	New first qualification fee	Previous subsequent qualification fee	New subsequent qualification fee
\$12,410	\$13,380	\$2,190	\$2,770	\$2,620	\$3,240

### iii. Split qualifications on the Skills List

**Table 5** shows where multiple superseding qualifications replace a single superseded qualification. These superseding qualifications retain the same prices and fees as their superseded versions.

**Table 5**

Split qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
MEM30205	Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade	MEM30219	Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade
		MEM31319	Certificate III in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
		MEM31419	Certificate III in Engineering - Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic
		MEM31519	Certificate III in Engineering - Toolmaking Trade
MEM30305	Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade	MEM30319	Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade
		MEM31719	Certificate III in Engineering - Casting and Moulding Trade

### iv. Merged qualifications on the Skills List

**Table 6** shows superseding qualifications that merge two or more superseded qualifications. Prices for the superseding qualifications in **Table 6** are based on an average of the superseded qualifications' prices and student fees are equivalent to the lowest fee of the superseded qualifications.

**Table 6**

Merged qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
ACM50412	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care)	ACM50219	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing
ACM50512	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice)		
AVI20316	Certificate II in Aviation Transport Protection (Passenger and Non-Passenger Screener)	AVI20118	Certificate II in Transport Security Protection
AVI20416	Certificate II in Aviation Transport Protection (Checked Baggage Screener)		
CPP40307	Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate)	CPP41419	Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
CPP40407	Certificate IV in Property Services (Stock and Station Agency)		
CPP40611	Certificate IV in Property Services (Operations)		
CPP41110	Certificate IV in Home Sustainability Assessment	CPP41119	Certificate IV in Home Energy Efficiency and Sustainability
CPP41212	Certificate IV in NatHERS Assessment		

### c. VTO changes affecting the NSW Skills List

#### i. VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from this Update

Following updates to NSW VTOs, the qualifications seen in **Table 7** can be delivered under apprenticeship and traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled.

**Table 7**

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications in this Smart and Skilled Update		
Qualification Code	Qualification Title	Available Pathway
ACM40818	Certificate IV in Farriery	Apprenticeship
AVI20118	Certificate II in Transport Security Protection	Traineeship
CPP41419	Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice	Traineeship
MEM30119	Certificate III in Engineering - Production Systems	Traineeship
MEM30719	Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction	Apprenticeship + School based apprenticeship
MEM30819	Certificate III in Locksmithing	Apprenticeship + School based apprenticeship

#### ii. VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Updates

Following updates to NSW VTOs, a number of superseding qualifications detailed in Smart and Skilled Updates No. 70 and 74 can now be delivered under traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled as shown in **Table 8**.

**Table 8**

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates		
Qualification Code	Qualification Title	Available Pathway
ACM40418	Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing	Traineeship
AHC31818	Certificate III in Beekeeping	Traineeship
CPP31519	Certificate III in Real Estate Practice	Traineeship
FBP30818	Certificate III in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	Traineeship
FBP30918	Certificate III in Wine Industry Operations	Traineeship
FBP40318	Certificate IV in Food Processing	Traineeship

#### iii. VTO changes affecting other qualifications on the Skills List

Following updates to NSW VTOs, the qualifications shown in **Table 9** can now be delivered under a school based traineeship pathway.

**Table 9**

VTO changes affecting other qualifications on the Skills List		
Qualification Code	Qualification Title	Available Pathway
AUR20816	Certificate II in Outdoor Power Equipment Technology	School based traineeship
UEE21911	Certificate II in Electronics	School based traineeship



**d. Fee Free Traineeships Initiative – Version 10.1 of Prices and Fees Schedule**

The introduction of the Fee Free Traineeships Initiative from 1 January 2020 is reflected in version 10.1 of the Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule, which will apply to all training commencing on or after 1 January 2020.

For technical support in relation to this update, contact Training Market Customer Support at [training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au) or 1300 772 104.