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1. SMART AND SKILLED BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS GRANT

Interested in getting support to achieve better outcomes for your students?

The Smart and Skilled Behavioural Insights Grant (the **Grant**) has now opened.

The Grant will support applicants to leverage insights and tools from the behavioural sciences to improve completion rates and success in transitioning to work for students undertaking vocational education and training (VET) under Smart and Skilled.

The entire Grant program is worth \$500,000. Applicants are advised to make submissions requesting funding up to the value of \$150,000.

Smart and Skilled providers are in a unique position and can participate in two ways:

- a) by submitting an Expression of Interest form (Stage 1) to apply for a grant; and/or
- b) by submitting an Expression of Interest form specifically for Smart & Skilled RTOs where you can put forward qualifications under Smart & Skilled for a potential project that may be carried out by an applicant together with you.

For more information, please go to the NSW Skills Board website at www.training.nsw.gov.au/skills_board/grants.html.

For any questions regarding the Grant, please contact nswskillsboard.secretariat@industry.nsw.gov.au or Cynthia Cherian, Senior Project Officer, NSW Skills Board Secretariat on **02 8267 7623**.

2. DRIVERS OF PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETION OF VET

Do you want to better understand what drives your students?

Research commissioned by the NSW Skills Board examined the drivers of and barriers to participation and completion of VET in New South Wales.

The research findings concluded that many students struggle to find information and navigate the VET system, particularly those who do not have clear career objectives. The study also concluded that family and friends are significant influencers regarding participation in VET.

Drivers of course non-completion included low educational attainment prior to enrolment, undergoing only online courses, and attempting a course that has a duration of more than a year, among other factors.

If you would like to know more, the full project findings are available on [NSW Skills Board website](#).

The project has directly informed the [Behavioural Insights Grants Program](#).

For any questions regarding the report, please email nswskillsboard.secretariat@industry.nsw.gov.au.

3. CONSUMER INFORMATION INSIGHTS

Can you improve the way you provide students with information?

The Consumer Information Insights project commissioned by the NSW Skills Board investigated what and how VET course information should be presented to ensure potential VET students are making well-informed decisions when selecting courses, which in turn increases the likelihood of suitable course selection and course completion.

The project produced a series of consumer information templates covering a range of courses and tailored for target cohorts. Template designs were tested with current VET students and providers to ensure that all required information was communicated clearly and effectively to support well-informed course selection decisions.

The findings are also of relevance to the [Behavioural Insights Grants Program](#).

[The full report is available here](#).

For any questions regarding the report, please email nswskillsboard.secretariat@industry.nsw.gov.au.