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#### 1. 2020-21 SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT REVIEW NOTICES

The Department has now issued Smart and Skilled Contract Review Notices for the 2020-21 Activity Period. Most Providers received an email notification directing them to their Review Notice, which is available on the Contract Acceptance page of STS online.

Alternatively some Providers received a Review Notice via email from the Smart and Skilled Application email account.

Providers must accept or decline as instructed by the date shown on their Review Notice.

To view and accept the Review Notice offer including the contract documents in STS Online, please ensure the filter for the 2020-21 Activity Period is selected on the Contract Acceptance page.

Please refer to the guide *How to accept your Smart and Skilled Contract, Review Notice and Variations* which is available through STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents for further details.



# 2. CHANGES TO SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND OPERATING GUIDELINES FOR THE 2020-21 ACTIVITY PERIOD

The Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions for the 2020-2021 Activity Period has only a small number of changes. A revised end date of 30 June 2021 has been included in both Clause 5 (Term) and Clause 6 (b) (Review of Contract).

A new clause 17.5 and a definition in Schedule 1 have been added. These address repayment requirements associated with the Smart and Skilled COVID-19 Payment Continuity Strategy (advanced payments) for those providers that accepted the contract variation offer sent on 9 May 2020 (and as advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 97).

Some minor grammatical changes have been made to other clauses and do not impact on their intent. These include Clause 11, 12 (c), 13.1 (a), 18.5 (a) and 33.7 (c).

There have been no changes to the *Smart and Skilled Operating Guidelines* for the 2020-2021 Activity Period.

# 3. FINANCIAL CAP ALLOCATIONS AND SMART AND SKILLED POLICY FOR MARKET MANAGEMENT FOR THE 2020-21 ACTIVITY PERIOD

#### a. Financial Cap allocations for the 2020-21 Activity Period

The Department has prioritised stability and continuing support for regions impacted by natural disasters through its approach to allocation of Financial Caps for the 2020-21 Activity Period. In addition, there is consideration for the potential negative impacts of COVID-19 across the entire market.

This means that in particular:

- Financial Caps in the Identified Natural Disaster Regions have been maintained, and the variations to Financial Caps made as at Stage 2 of the 2019-20 Financial Cap Review have been carried through to Financial Caps for the 2020-21 Activity Period.
- To offset the possible impacts of COVID-19, the Department has lowered the cap usage performance threshold for all other Financial Caps from the 65% cap usage target expected by 6 March 2020 to 50% cap usage.
- For Financial Caps outside of the Identified Natural Disaster Regions which did not reach 50% cap usage, providers may see a reduction to these caps compared to 2019-20 levels.

#### b. Smart and Skilled Policy for Market Management for the 2020-21 Activity Period

The Smart and Skilled Policy for Market Management for the 2020-21 Activity Period has been released and is available on the Contract Acceptance page of STS Online within the PDF titled Operating Guidelines and Policies.

The Department is currently developing further amendments to the policy to address the unique set of conditions as a result of COVID-19. This is expected to include the criteria and arrangements for:

- the Department to adjust Financial Caps and
- providers to request variations to Financial Caps.

Other elements of the policy may also be added or varied to support the effective management of the Smart and Skilled program and the functioning of the training market.

The Department will release further details of any amendments to the policy and associated processes by 30 June 2020.

The Smart and Skilled Policy for Market Management for the 2020-21 Activity Period is also available for your reference in STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

# 4. RELEASE OF REVISED SMART AND SKILLED FEE ADMINISTRATION POLICY (VERSION 2.4) AND SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS PROGRAM FEE ADMINISTRATION POLICY (VERSION 2.4)

Updated versions of the *Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy* (Version 2.4) and *School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program Fee Administration Policy* (Version 2.4) have been released.

These new versions apply from the date of issue of Review Notices (i.e. 15 May 2020). They can be accessed on the Training Services NSW website at <a href="https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/contract\_policy.html">www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/contract\_policy.html</a>.

#### a. Summary of changes

The main additions can be found in the following sections of the *Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy*:

- **Section 4**: contains additional advice on the circumstances in which charging additional fees to students may be permitted
- **Section 5**: contains additional advice on dealing with students who must transfer from Smart and Skilled Providers
- **Appendix 3**: contains new advice on verifying eligibility for students who are inmates with NSW Corrective Services
- **Appendix 4**: contains updated advice on how Commonwealth benefits and allowances affect Smart and Skilled concession fees.

Various sections were moved throughout both policies to improve their flow and readability. More details as to the changes in each are provided in **Table 1** and **Table 2** below.

Table 1

Summary of changes to the Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy (Version 2.4)					
Section Sub- section Page Change			Change		
1: Introduction	n/a	3	Minor updates to clarify the policy relates to qualifications and part-qualifications under the Smart and Skilled programs.		
	1.1	3	Content on student eligibility has been moved up from section 2. This impacts the numbering in section 2.		

Summary of changes to the	he Smart and Si	killed Fee	e Administration Policy (Version 2.4)
Section	Sub- section	Page	Change
2: Smart and Skilled student fees	Old 2.1, 3, & 4	4	Removed to avoid duplication. Information is located in separate sections. This impacts the numbering in section 3.
	2.1	4	Inserted a note to clarify who is encompassed with all references to charging a student a fee.
	2.5	6	Inserted an additional paragraph on circumstances where a student undertakes multiple part qualifications.
	2.6	6	Minor updates to clarify fees for continuing students.
3: Fee categories and eligibility	n/a	7	Inserted content on the different student fee categories.
	3.2, 3, 5	8	Minor updates to provide clarity on different <i>student</i> fee <i>scenarios</i> .
	3.5	8	Removed paragraphs on Fee Free Apprenticeship and Fee Free Traineeship Initiatives to avoid duplication.
	3.7	9	Removed a paragraph on records management requirements to avoid duplication.
4: Additional fees	n/a	10	The title of this section was changed from Additional costs to Additional fees.
	n/a	10	The introduction of this section has been expanded. Information includes advice on web publishing and receipt requirements as well as an explanatory note.
	4.1	10	A new sub-section has been inserted to clarify student fees where there is a customisation of training.
	4.2	10-11	There have been some updates to the language, formatting and examples used in <i>Incidental expenses</i> section to clarify where it may be allowed and it is not allowed to charge additional student fees. Note the specific updates to the advice on optional charges.
5: Paying fees	5.9	13	New information on the treatment of <i>student transfer</i> scenarios – specifically where student transfers are a result of the inability of Providers to deliver training in the delivery mode chosen by the student.
Appendix 1	n/a	17	Minor updates to provide clarity on different student eligibility scenarios and the introduction of a paragraph on home schooled students.
Appendix 2	n/a	18	Updates to clarify eligibility for the various student fee arrangements.
Appendix 3	n/a	23	New content has been added with advice on Students who are inmates with NSW Corrective Services.

# Summary of changes to the Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy (Version 2.4) Section Subsection Page Change Updates to reflect Commonwealth changes to welfare benefits and the addition of a new paragraph for clarification on how these changes apply.

#### Table 2

Summary of changes to the School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program	Fee
Administration Policy (Version 2.4)	

Section	Sub- section	Page	Change	
1: Introduction	1.1	3	Content on <i>student eligibility</i> has been moved up from section 2. This impacts the numbering in section 2.	
2: Student fees	2.4	6	Minor updates to clarify fees for continuing students.	
3: Fee category eligibility	n/a	7	Inserted content on the different student fee categories.	
4: Additional fees	n/a	10	The introduction of this section has been expanded. Information includes advice on web publishing and receipt requirements as well as an explanatory note.	
	4.1	9	A new sub-section has been inserted to clarify student fees where there is a customisation of training.	
	4.2	9-10	There have been some updates to the language, formatting and examples used in <i>Incidental expenses</i> section to clarify where it may be allowed and it is not allowed to charge additional student fees. Note the specific updates to the advice on optional charges.	
5: Paying fees	5.7	12	New information on the treatment of <i>student</i> transfer scenarios – specifically where student transfers are a result of the inability of Providers to deliver training in the delivery mode chosen by the student.	
Appendix 1	n/a	19	New content has been added with advice on Students who are inmates with NSW Corrective Services.	
Appendix 2	n/a	20	Updates to reflect Commonwealth changes to welfare benefits and the addition of a new paragraph for clarification on how these changes apply.	

# 5. NSW SKILLS LIST AND SMART AND SKILLED PRICES AND FEES SCHEDULE UPDATE – VERSIONS 10.3 AND 11.0 RELEASED

The NSW Skills List has been updated. This update covers changes as a result of

- the addition of a new qualification;
- · updates to Training Packages; and
- · updates to VTOs.

Versions 10.3 and 11.0 of the NSW Skills List are now available at <a href="https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw\_skills\_list.html">www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw\_skills\_list.html</a>

The Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule has also been updated to cover the changes to the Skills List.

#### Effective dates:

- Version 10.3 of the NSW Skills List and Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule takes effect as of 15 May 2020.
- **Version 11.0** of the NSW Skills List and *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* will apply to all training **commencing on or after 1 July 2020**.

Please refer to section *6. Changes to Smart and Skilled Qualification Prices* further in this Update for more information regarding changes introduced in Version 11.0 of the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule*.

#### a. New qualifications on the Skills List

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

**Table 1** shows the qualification added to the Skills List as a result (22273VIC - Diploma of Agronomy), 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
22273VIC	Diploma of Agronomy	\$7,750	\$4,820	\$5,430

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

Approved Smart and Skilled Providers with this qualification on their NSW scope of registration may apply to deliver it under Smart and Skilled, within their current Financial Caps. Requests to add the qualification to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule should be made to your Strategic Relationship Manager.

More information on how to add qualifications to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules can be found in the *Smart and Skilled – Requesting additional Approved Qualifications(s) – Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule (AQAS) Adjustments* guidelines which is available in STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

#### b. Changes to the Skills List - superseded qualifications

The NSW Skills List has been updated as a result of revisions to the CPP, CSC and FWP, ICP, MSF, MST, NWP and RII Training Packages.

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

**Table 2** shows the superseding qualifications that are equivalent to their superseded version. 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 NSW Skills List				
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title	
CSC30115	Certificate III in Correctional Practice	CSC30119	Certificate III in Correctional Practice	
MST30116	Certificate III in Clothing and Textile Production	MST30119	Certificate III in Clothing and Textile Production	
MST30516	Certificate III in Leather Production	MST30519	Certificate III in Leather Production	
MST30616	Certificate III in Laundry Operations	MST30619	Certificate III in Laundry Operations	
MST30719	Certificate III in Dry Cleaning Operations	MST30919	Certificate III in Dry Cleaning Operations	
NWP20115	Certificate II in Water Industry Operations	NWP20119	Certificate II in Water Industry Operations	
RII31615	Certificate III in Trenchless Technology	RII31619	Certificate III in Trenchless Technology	
RII30915	Certificate III in Civil Construction	RII30919	Certificate III in Civil Construction	

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

**Table 3** shows the 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		
CPP30711	Certificate III in Waste Management	CPP30719	Certificate III in Waste Management		
CPP40911	Certificate IV in Waste Management	CPP40919	Certificate IV in Waste Management		
FWP30816	Certificate III in Woodmachining	FWP31119	Certificate III in Wood Machining		
FWP30716	Certificate III in Sawdoctoring	FWP31019	Certificate III in Saw Technology		

Non-equivaler	Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the Skills List				
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title		
ICP20115	Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Arts (General)	ICP20120	Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Arts		
ICP31215	ICP31215 Certificate III in Printing		Certificate III in Printing		
ICP31315	ICP31315 Certificate III in Print Manufacturing		Certificate III in Print Binding, Finishing and Packaging		
ICP31415 Certificate III in Print Communications		ICP31420	Certificate III in Prepress Graphic Design Production		
MSF30913	Certificate III in Blinds, Awnings, Security Screens and Grilles	MSF30919	Certificate III in Blinds, Awnings, Security Screens and Grilles		

#### iii. Merged qualifications on the Skills List

**Table 4** shows the superseding qualifications that merge two or more superseded qualifications.

Table 4

Merged qualifications on the Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	New code	New title
NWP30215	Certificate III in Water Industry Operations		Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
NWP30315	Certificate III in Water Industry Treatment	NWP30219	
NWP30415	Certificate III in Water Industry Irrigation		

**Please note:** The prices of the superseding qualifications at Tables 2-4 have not yet been reviewed for the 2020-21 Activity Period as required information is not yet available. It is expected there will be a further update of Version 11 of the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* by 30 June 2020. The Department will advise accordingly.

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

#### i. VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications in this Smart and Skilled Update

Following updates to NSW VTOs, the qualifications seen in **Table 5** can be delivered under apprenticeship and traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled.

Table 5

VTO changes	VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications in this Smart and Skilled Update				
Qualification code	Qualification title	Available Pathway			
CPP30719	Certificate III in Waste Management	Traineeship			

VTO changes	VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications in this Smart and Skilled Update				
Qualification code	Qualification title	Available Pathway			
CPP40919	Certificate IV in Waste Management	Traineeship			
CSC30119	Certificate III in Correctional Practice	Traineeship			
RII31619	Certificate III in Trenchless Technology	Traineeship			
RII30919	Certificate III in Civil Construction	Apprenticeship + Traineeship			

# ii. VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates

Following updates to NSW VTOs, a number of superseding qualifications detailed in previous Smart and Skilled Updates can now be delivered under apprenticeship and traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled. These qualifications are shown in **Table 6** below.

Table 6

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates				
Qualification code	Qualification title	Available Pathway		
AHC32419	Certificate III in Irrigation Technology	Traineeship		
AHC41119	Certificate IV in Irrigation Management	Traineeship		
CPP30119	Certificate III in Urban Pest Management	Traineeship		
MEM20219	Certificate II in Engineering - Production Technology	Traineeship		
MEM30319	Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
MEM31119	Certificate III in Engineering - Composites Trade	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
MEM31019	Certificate III in Watch and Clock Service and Repair	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
MEM30219	Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
MEM30619	Certificate III in Jewellery Manufacture	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
MEM40119	Certificate IV in Engineering	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
MEM50119	Diploma of Engineering - Advanced Trade	Apprenticeship + School Based Apprenticeship		
UET30519	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Transmission Overhead	Apprenticeship		

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates			
Qualification code	Qualification title	Available Pathway	
UET30719	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Rail Traction	Apprenticeship	
UET30819	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Cable Jointing	Apprenticeship	

#### iii. VTO changes removing apprenticeship and traineeship pathways

Following updates to NSW VTOs, the qualification seen in **Table 7** can no longer be delivered as a traineeship.

Table 7

VTO changes resulting in removal of traineeship pathways		
Qualification code	Qualification title	
CPP20411	Certificate II in Waste Management	

#### 6. CHANGES TO SMART AND SKILLED QUALIFICATION PRICES

New Smart and Skilled qualification prices are being introduced and will take effect for **training** that commences on or after 1 July 2020.

Changes include:

- Clustering of Smart and Skilled prices.
- Price increases for superseding qualifications.

Version 11.0 of the *Smart and Skilled Price and Fees Schedule* has been updated to reflect these changes. The Schedule can be accessed at

https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices fees.html.

**Please note:** Price decreases for ten (10) superseding qualifications are also announced in this Update, but given the impacts of COVID-19, will not take effect until an appropriate time. These prices will be updated in the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* at a later date in the 2020-21 Activity Period.

#### a. Clustering of Smart and Skilled Prices

Simplifying qualification prices through clustering is one of the steps the Department is taking to reduce complexity in the Smart and Skilled system overall. Clustering of Smart and Skilled qualification prices will remove arbitrary differences in price between qualifications of similar value.

Currently there are over 570 unique price points for Smart and Skilled qualifications, with some differences in price as small as \$10.

The Department has clustered prices by rounding to \$250 increments as follows:

- Entitlement Foundation Skills qualifications and Certificate II qualifications have been rounded up to the nearest \$250;
- Qualifications at Certificate III level and above have been rounded up or down to the nearest \$250.

Clustering has reduced the number of unique price points to 70. Approximately 75% of qualifications have a change in price of  $\pm$  \$100 or less. The largest price increase is \$240 and the largest decrease is \$120. A total of 492 qualifications have a price increase, 35 have no change and 307 have a price decrease.

As mentioned above, the clustered prices are being introduced in Version 11.0 of the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule*, which will apply to training that commences on or after 1 July 2020. Providers are expected to take these price changes into account when managing their Financial Caps going forward.

#### b. Superseding Qualifications

To date, there have been 99 superseding Skills List qualifications during the 2019-20 Activity Period.

The Department has found that prices for 39 of these qualifications require a change after reviewing the superseding qualifications on their merits.

**Please note:** there are no changes to any student fees for the affected qualifications.

#### i. Superseding qualifications with price increases

**Table 8** shows 29 qualifications which have increased in price in Version 11.0 of the *Smart* and *Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule*, which applies to training that commences on or after 1 July 2020.

Table 8

Superseding qualifications with price increases				
Qualification Code of Superseded Qualification	Qualification Code	Qualification Name	Current Price	New Price after clustering
AHC31316	AHC31319	Certificate III in Sports Turf Management	\$9,680	\$12,250
AHC32416	AHC32419	Certificate III in Irrigation Technology	\$8,750	\$13,000
AHC41016	AHC41019	Certificate IV in Agribusiness	\$7,850	\$9,250
AHC41116	AHC41119	Certificate IV in Irrigation Management	\$8,140	\$8,750
AHC51016	AHC51019	Diploma of Sports Turf Management	\$11,260	\$13,500
AVI20116	AVI20119	Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations-Cargo Services)	\$3,680	\$4,500
AVI30116	AVI30219	Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew)	\$6,160	\$6,750

Superseding qualifications with price increases					
Qualification Code of Superseded Qualification	Qualification Code	Qualification Name	Current Price	New Price after clustering	
AVI50415	AVI50519	Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)	\$7,000	\$8,000	
BSB60615	BSB60619	Advanced Diploma of Work Health and Safety	\$5,860	\$7,000	
CPP20307	CPP20319	Certificate II in Technical Security	\$2,960	\$4,250	
CPP30115	CPP30119	Certificate III in Urban Pest Management	\$5,620	\$6,250	
CPP41110	CPP41119	Certificate IV in Home Energy Efficiency and Sustainability	\$9,020	\$10,250	
FSK10113	FSK10119	Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways	\$1,730	\$2,000	
FSK10213	FSK10219	Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways	\$2,340	\$2,750	
MEM30105	MEM30119	Certificate III in Engineering - Production Systems	\$10,250	\$11,250	
MEM30205	MEM31519	Certificate III in Engineering - Toolmaking Trade	\$11,940	\$13,000	
MEM30605	MEM30619	Certificate III in Jewellery Manufacture	\$11,170	\$13,500	
MEM50105	MEM50119	Diploma of Engineering - Advanced Trade	\$15,760	\$21,250	
PUA20713	PUA20719	Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations)	\$4,350	\$6,000	
RGR30418	RGR30419	Certificate III in Racing Services	\$6,940	\$9,250	
SFI20611	SFI20319	Certificate II in Seafood Post Harvest Operations	\$3,400	\$4,000	
SFI30111	SFI30119	Certificate III in Aquaculture	\$6,190	\$7,000	
SFI30611	SFI30319	Certificate III in Seafood Post Harvest Operations	\$5,700	\$7,750	
SFI40111	SFI40119	Certificate IV in Aquaculture	\$7,800	\$8,750	
SFI40611	SFI40219	Certificate IV in Seafood Post Harvest Operations	\$7,090	\$7,750	
SIS30413	SIS30619	Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership	\$7,510	\$10,000	
SIS40313	SIS40619	Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership	\$8,170	\$13,000	
SIS50310	SIS50419	Diploma of Outdoor Leadership	\$9,290	\$12,500	
UET30512	UET30519	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Transmission Overhead	\$12,920	\$14,750	

#### ii. Superseding qualifications with deferred price decreases

Price decreases are required for ten (10) qualifications, as shown in **Table 9**. These price decreases will however be deferred until later in the 2020-21 Activity Period, to help maintain training market stability while providers make adjustments in response to COVID-19.

The Department will provide a minimum of one month's notice via a subsequent Smart and Skilled Update before these changes take effect.

Table 9

Superseding qualifications with price decreases				
Qualification Code of Superseded Qualification	Qualification Code	Qualification Name	Current Price	New Price after clustering
ACM30217	ACM30219	Certificate III in Animal Technology	\$8,280	\$6,750
AVI30216	AVI30519	Certificate III in Aviation (Rescue Crew Officer)	\$6,650	\$5,750
ICT20315	ICT20319	Certificate II in Telecommunications Technology	\$7,810	\$7,000
ICT30515	ICT30519	Certificate III in Telecommunications Technology	\$8,960	\$8,250
ICT41215	ICT41219	Certificate IV in Telecommunications Engineering Technology	\$10,470	\$9,500
MEM30205	MEM31419	Certificate III in Engineering - Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic	\$11,940	\$10,750
MEM30305	MEM30319	Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade	\$13,750	\$11,750
MEM30305	MEM31719	Certificate III in Engineering - Casting and Moulding Trade	\$13,750	\$11,000
MEM31112	MEM31119	Certificate III in Engineering - Composites Trade	\$11,750	\$10,750
MEM40105	MEM40119	Certificate IV in Engineering	\$16,280	\$13,750

#### iii. Pricing for remaining superseding qualifications

The Department has found that 38 superseding qualifications require no changes when priced on their own merits. However, as a result of price clustering, the prices for some of these qualifications will be adjusted in Version 11.0 of the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule*.

Prices for the remaining 22 superseding qualifications will be reviewed when all required information is made available. Any price increases will be introduced with one month's notice via a subsequent Smart and Skilled Update. Any price decreases will be introduced along with the ten (10) decreases identified in **Table 9** at an appropriate time later in the 2020-21 Activity Period, when the COVID-19 situation has stabilised.

As mentioned at *5b. Changes to the Skills List – superseded qualifications* earlier in this Update, the prices of the superseding qualifications advised in that section have not yet been

reviewed for the 2020-21 Activity Period, as required information is not yet available. It is expected there will be a further update of Version 11 of the *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* by 30 June 2020. The Department will advise accordingly when this occurs.

For technical support in relation to this update, contact Training Market Customer Support at <a href="mailto:Training.Market@det.nsw.edu.au">Training.Market@det.nsw.edu.au</a>.

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.