

SkillsIQ NSW ITAB eNews

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Welcome to the June issue of the SkillsIQ NSW eNews, as we mark the end of the financial year, the winter solstice, and Budget Day for the NSW Government (covered in more detail below).

Training Package Update

- ✓ **SIT Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (Release 2.0)** is now live on www.training.gov.au
- ✓ **SIS Sport, Aquatic and Recreation** Draft 2 Consultation closed Friday, 17 June 2022.
- ✓ **HLT Health** update of 2 Infection prevention and control units of competency;
HLTINF001- Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures
HLTINF003- Implement and monitor infection prevention and control policies and procedures.
Draft 2 will be open for public consultation on the [SkillsIQ Feedback Forum](#) from 4 to 18 July for 2 weeks.

NSW Update

NSW Budget 2022-23 is a record budget for skills and training. The \$27billion budget spending spree includes \$2.8billion in recurrent investment in skills and training and a record \$2billion recurrent investment in TAFE NSW as well as an additional \$318.9million for capital investment.

As previously announced, there is a \$82.7million investment over four years for an additional 70,000 fee-free training places which is expected to turbo-charge the State's skills-led recovery and help more people get the skills they need for the jobs they want. This will accelerate the skills boom by delivering tens of thousands of new apprenticeships, traineeships and full qualifications for in demand jobs including hairdressers, chefs, care sector workers and early childhood. This investment is in addition to the current 100,000 fee-free apprenticeships and 70,000 traineeships already being delivered by the NSW Government.

As previously reported in the April enews edition, the [NCVER Apprentices and trainees report](#) 2021 September quarter noted in NSW a 77% increase in apprenticeship and traineeship commencements in the 12 months to September 2021. There was a 91% increase in the number of women commencing apprenticeships and traineeships during the same period.

Training Services NSW

The Winter Skills program is now available with up to 1,500 fee-free short courses for eligible learners wanting to develop new skills in regional NSW winter destinations or online. The short courses provide skills for those industries experiencing skills shortages including tourism, hospitality, accommodation, ski resort recreation, wine tasting and retail. Regions include the Snowy Mountains, Blue Mountains, Hunter Valley, Central West and Southern Highlands. Enrolments are available until the end of September 2022 (subject to availability). Training is available for hospitality jobs such as bar and restaurant staff/manager, barista, barman, cellar door sales, chair

lift operator, first aid officer, hotel staff, ski hire staff/manager, ski resort staff, tour guide, waiter, winery staff and winery tour guide, retail and customer service. Eligibility requirements ensure applicants are aged 16 to 24 and no longer in school, veterans and their partners, unemployed or at risk of unemployment (over 24 years of age), living or working in NSW, Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder. These courses are fee-free and fully funded by the NSW and Commonwealth governments. [Click here](#) for more information.

Smart and Skilled Update – June

This month's issue is available by clicking [here](#). It provides updates on:

- ✓ Fee Administration Policy (Version 2.7)
- ✓ Financial Cap allocations for 2022-23, with additional adjustment for the impact of price increases for some individual qualifications following a pricing review, adjustments for the CPI price increase for commencing students, Skilling for Recovery Priority Full Qualifications Program and amendments to the Policy for Market Management
- ✓ Approved Qualifications for the 2022-23 activity period
- ✓ Extension of fee-free apprenticeship initiative, and
- ✓ NSW Skills List Version 13.0 effective from 1 July reflecting the Skills List Optimisation and removal of low performing qualifications, and price and fee changes to full and part qualifications. (A correction to the SIS20419 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation Traineeship fee increased from \$870 to \$880.)
- ✓ Providers Guide Version 1.3
- ✓ Exemption to Skilling for Recovery training deferral for North Coast flood-affected students, allowing students to defer for up to 12 months.
- ✓ Policy for the delivery of the Certificate IV in TAE (TAE40116) to be discontinued for the 2022-23 activity period. Under Skilling for Recovery, fee-free training is available to those seeking TAE full or part qualification. Discontinuing the TAE Policy removes any barriers that previous VET practitioners may have had to upgrade their qualifications and re-enter the workforce.

The Vocational Training Orders (VTO) for the NSW Commissioner's Information Bulletin (CIB 511) for Sport and Recreation has been updated in line with the recent SIS training package update. Two traineeships (SIS20219 Certificate II in Sport – Developing Athlete and SIS40319 Certificate IV in Sport Coaching) have been removed due to low or no take up and qualification codes have been updated for SIS20321 Certificate II in Sport Coaching; SIS30421 Certificate III in Sport – Athlete; SIS30521 Certificate III in Sport Coaching; SIS40421 Certificate IV in Sport Development; SIS40621 Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership; SIS30321 Certificate III in Fitness and SIS40221 Certificate IV in Fitness.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/cibs-bulletins/cib-511>

The Education Pathways Program (EPP) has released new videos that explain the benefits of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs). The EPP pilot launched in 2020 across 24 schools in Western Sydney and the North Coast. Due to its success, EPP has been expanded to cover an additional 121 high schools from Term 1, 2022, and continues until 2023.

Video resources explore the apprenticeship component of a school-based apprenticeship, how it works and the benefits it provides for both student and employer. It's a guide to help students navigate school-based apprenticeships to get a head start on a trade qualification. [Click here](#) to access the EPP apprenticeship resources.

The school-based traineeship EPP introductory video provides everything students need to know about school-based traineeships; what they are, how they work and all the benefits. [Click here](#) to access the EPP traineeship resources.

The NSW Skills and Thrills schools VET career showcases commence 18 July 2022 and will be running throughout Terms 3 and 4, with both live and digital shows. These events, run by SkillsOne and supported by NSW Government, are free for high school students from Years 7 to 12. Shows will feature the latest information on:

- School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs)
- Industry trends for the next 5-15 years
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Opportunities in the vocational education and training sector

Live shows will be visiting schools in the North Coast, Riverina, Western NSW, Central Coast & Illawarra. The Digital Showcase will be available as a 35-minute video resource on the [SkillsOne website](#). For more information contact brian.wexham@skillsone.com.au or kerrie.gale@skillsone.com.au

HSC reforms to expand vocational choices for students were announced earlier this week by Sarah Mitchell, the NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning. This will result in stronger pathways from high school to careers. Changes include:

- Abolishing the current system of classifying HSC courses as Category A or Category B Vocational Education and Training (VET) so more courses can contribute to an ATAR from 2025
- Piloting more HSC exams online from 2025
- Introducing a learner profile to showcase extra-curricular achievements, not just exam results.
- Clearer course overviews that link skills and knowledge to careers so Year 10 students will have a greater understanding of the skills they will develop when they are selecting their HSC subjects.

These changes are based on the Gonski-Shergold review of the VET sector which identified current HSC and ATAR arrangements as a barrier to developing a pipeline of job ready high school graduates. It is expected that these reforms will significantly expand the education and employment pathways available to young people who want to start getting skilled while at school and then further their education through post school training in VET or higher education. [Click here](#) to read the full press release.

Other reports and updates

TAE Training Package review

TAE Training and Education Training Package product is now available for public review. TAE Draft 2 will commence 28 June to 14 July, where you will have an opportunity to provide feedback via the [issues register](#). Additionally, Skills for Australia is accepting feedback via email at info@skillsforaustralia.com. [Click here](#) to view the revised TAE Training Package materials and [Click here](#) to view the review the project timeline.

Please note that in addition to this project, the IRC recently agreed to the development of two new units of competency to sit as electives within the Certificate IV Training and Assessment, in response to industry

feedback received during the recent Public Review period for this project, as well as other items outlined in the Case for Change.

Version 1 draft material relating to the following two units:

- TAEDEL415 Facilitate training within a vocational education and training environment.

A practicum unit intended to support learners in implementing their skills and knowledge within a Vocational Education and Training Environment whilst under direct supervision of another VET teacher or trainer.

- TAEDEL416 Facilitate learning for young vocational learners

A unit intended to support those working in a young learner context, focussed on identifying the learning needs of young vocational learners and developing collaborative learning environments.

As these units were developed in response to feedback from the initial Public Review period, a separate 4-week consultation period is now being held to give industry the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the above products. Following this, all products in the TAE Review project will be released for public validation.

[Click here](#) to download and review the training products and follow the link instructions to provide feedback by COB Thursday 21 July 2022. Alternatively, you can provide feedback to info@skillsforaustralia.com

Tourism Research Australia's latest release – [State of the Industry 2021](#) is now available. It provides a snapshot of Australia's tourism industry in 2021 which was deeply impacted by the pandemic. The visitor economy outlook is more positive now than during the past two years. However, conditions are still challenging, and recovery will take time, particularly for businesses and regions reliant on international tourists. The visitor economy also faces serious labour shortages and increased international competition. 2022 is expected to be a critical year for the industry as the recovery gains momentum.

The [THRIVE 2030 Strategy](#) for the Australian visitor economy is an industry-led, government-enabled plan. It provides an action plan to rebuild and grow the sector. It aims to see visitor economy spend reach \$166 billion by 2024 and growing to \$230 billion by 2030 with regional Australia to capture about 40% of this spend.

NCVER

NCVER's No Frills Conference. Registrations are still open for the NCVER Conference 'No Frills' hosted online from 6-8 July 2022. It will feature 35 sessions, three keynote addresses (by Sophie Renton, social researcher, trends analyst and Managing Director at McCrindle Research, Alex Jackson, Executive Designer specialising in behavioural psychology and gamification at ThinkPlace, and Simon Walker, Managing Director, NCVER), a VOCEDplus workshop and plenty more. In between plenary sessions, there will be live Q&A Talks facilitated by broadcast journalist Steve Davis with:

- Megan Lilly, Ai Group & Silvia Munoz, SkillsIQ
- Kira Clarke, Brotherhood of St Laurence & Ian White, NCVER
- Hugh Guthrie, Lusid Pty Ltd & Damian Oliver & Nicky Wonder, National Skills Commission.

SkillsIQ Head of Research, Silvia Munoz, is delivering her presentation on ***the future skills needs of service-based industries and VET's role in delivering the skills*** on Wednesday 6 July.

[Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to register.

Labour Market Insights

The preliminary May 2022 Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) results are now available from the Labour Market Insights website. The IVI is a monthly count of online job advertisements compiled by the National Skills Commission (NSC). Data are available by occupational groups, skill level groups, state or territory and by regional areas. Key May findings include 298,400 jobs advertisements nationally, representing a 0.9% increase (2,800 job ads) on the previous month; 25.7% increase (61,000 job ads) over the year; and 77.3% (130,100 job ads) pre-COVID change. In NSW there were 94,500 IVI job ads representing an additional 290 or 0.3% change over the previous month, or 17,200 (22.3%) change over the year or 35,900 (61.3%) pre-COVID comparison. [Click here](#) to read the full Internet Vacancy Index report.

National Skills Week 2022

National Skills Week is about promoting Vocational Education and Training in Australia and changing peoples' perceptions by demonstrating the range of opportunities for those who choose a VET pathway to build a successful career. You are invited to get behind this weeklong event to support the profile of VET and showcase the varied career opportunities available across all industries. Events are planned to run nationally from Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th August. There are many ways for employers, industry, training providers and schools to get involved. If you would like to take part in showcase activities and events, you can email info@nationalskillsweek.com.au or phone 0438 808 848.

Click here for more information: <https://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au>

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