

Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy
2024 – 2028

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Inside the Queensland Skills Strategy in under 30 minutes

Hear how the new Queensland Skills Strategy is building a stronger training system while opening doors to good jobs for Queenslanders and helping to people-power Queensland's economy into the future.

Watch a recording of our online information session, held on 31 May 2024.



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First Nations grants expanded

Released one month ago this week, on 20 May 2024, the [Good Jobs, Great Training: Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028](#) recognises the great power of skills to drive our economy forward and also have a transformative impact on people's lives.

Across five focus areas, including long-term commitments and 22 initial actions, the strategy is delivering for Queenslanders – including a range of initiatives that work collaboratively to Close the Gap on training outcomes for First Nations Queenslanders.

Last week, the strategy saw the expansion of the Indigenous Workforce and Skills Development Grant program.

The program funds Indigenous designed and led projects that support or respond to local training and workforce needs.

The initiative recognises that skills and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be more successful when solutions are designed and developed locally and supported by the community.

Up to \$7 million is available under the program until 30 June 2025, including \$2.8 million for an additional funding round under the Queensland Skills Strategy.

2024-25 round applications are now open and will close 3 October 2024.

[Find out more](#)



New SAS framework

In a key initial action of the strategy, we're developing a new Skills Assure Supplier (SAS) framework to deliver on new policy priorities outlined in the skills strategy and maximise outcomes from Queensland Government funded training.

Developed and implemented over 2024-25, the new SAS framework will use evidence to better target skills investment, including what courses are funded, with what provider, when and where.

Keep an eye out for pilots and other activity throughout 2024, including the [Rural and Remote Pilot](#), which will help us get the design right.

The new SAS framework is being developed alongside the first annual Training Priorities Plan – another key action of the new skills strategy.

All eligible registered training organisations (RTOs) and current SAS will have the opportunity to express interest in supplying priority training in future, with contracting under the new SAS framework anticipated to start later in 2024.

RTOs can [subscribe to a new SAS contracting alert](#). Alert emails will advise when the new SAS framework is open, including eligibility requirements for RTOs and details on how a new expression of interest process will work.

[Find out more](#)

Free construction apprenticeships for all

Queenslanders of all ages can now get qualified in construction for free, with Free Construction Apprenticeships for Over 25s through TAFE Queensland or CQUniversity announced for apprentices starting 1 July 2024.

[Learn more about building skills for the Big Build](#)



Helping students get career ready

A new program will be developed to help students leave school more career-ready, informed and confident in their future.

Responding to what we heard during consultation – that skills in schools helped students onto a job pathway, but help to understand options was needed – the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) is redeveloping its Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools program – also known as VETiS.

A new Career Ready VETiS program will be designed with industry and schools to support students to decide what's right for them – while funding courses that have strong industry and job connections, including Trade Tasters, and school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

TAFE will be the flagship provider, supported by a network of SAS to support student access.

While more Trade Tasters for Year 10 students will be available from 2024, the new program will not come into effect until the start of the 2026 school year. Eligible students can continue to enrol in courses under current VETiS arrangements until then.

A [fact sheet](#) is available for schools and providers to



Work experience drives career choice

Knowing she wanted a trade career, Abby-Rose tried work experience in different fields before settling on auto-electrics.

Through Mas National and her host employer, Abby-Rose commenced a school-based apprenticeship studying a Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology with CQUniversity.

Abby values teamwork and communication, and is also keen to inspire younger generations, including young women looking to enter the industry.

"I always knew I wanted a career that was hands-on, a trade, but I didn't know exactly what one until I did work experience," Abby-Rose said.

"I had a go at carpentry, mechanics, diesel fitting and refrigeration mechanics, and ultimately discovered auto-electrics was the career for me.

"I love helping dad on the farm and choosing this trade means I can continue this and contribute even more.

"I love my apprenticeship and working on auto-electrics – an area that's leading the way in advancements to cars and machinery. I get to work on everything from quad bikes to harvesters; everything has electrical components these days."

share with students and parents, providing preliminary information about future changes.

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Free Tools for First Years

Queensland apprentices in their first year of a construction, plumbing or electrical apprenticeship may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of tools. The eligibility period is being backdated to 1 January 2024.

[Find out about the rebate and how to make a claim](#)

Upcoming events

Join us at an [information session](#) to learn more about the strategy.

Find us promoting great training for good jobs at an event near you.

- [Townsville Careers Expo](#)
29 July 2024
- [Mackay Careers Expo](#)
15 August 2024
- [Multicultural Career and Job Expo](#), Logan
15 August 2024
- [Cairns Careers Expo](#)
29 August 2024

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More coming soon!

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