

# Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy  
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Queensland's new TAFE Centre of Excellence will expand training pathways into health care and support careers, while also Closing the Gap on training outcomes for First Nations Queenslanders. Pictured (left) is Napranum community health worker Shaniqua Burke, a 2023 Queensland Training Awards winner.

## Cairns to host Queensland's first TAFE Centre of Excellence

The Queensland and Australian Governments have teamed up to launch a pioneering \$35 million Care and Support TAFE Centre of Excellence at TAFE Queensland.

Through the Queensland Skills Strategy, the Queensland Government has reinforced its commitment to a TAFE for all Queenslanders, including the establishment and operation of TAFE Centres of Excellence.

The Care and Support TAFE Centre of Excellence will expand training pathways for health care and social assistance careers to help meet the demands of Queensland's fastest-growing industry, which is projected to employ over 487,000 people by 2025-26.

This initiative is the inaugural TAFE Centre of Excellence in Queensland and was the third one to be announced under the five year National Skills Agreement that commenced in January 2024.

[Read the announcement](#)

## Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding

*Round two: 29 July – 19 September 2024*

Skilling Queenslanders for Work provides funding for local training and employment initiatives through eight distinct programs.

Community-based not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to deliver projects that support disadvantaged Queenslanders to gain the qualifications and skills they need to enter and stay in the workforce.

Local councils, and school Parents and Citizens', and Parents and Friends' associations may also apply under some programs.

[Find out more](#)



*Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) staff Sky Holford and Priscilla Jeha promote Queensland jobs and skills pathways to TSXPO visitors.*

### Expos power up promotion of Queensland jobs and skills

This month's TSXPO in Brisbane saw a new Queensland Jobs and Skills showcase, promoting the many great training pathways to good, local jobs available for Queenslanders.

Committed to helping Queenslanders across the state with their jobs and skills journeys, the team are now headed to career expos in:

- Townsville – 29 July (**that's today!**)
- Mackay – 15 August



*A new pilot aims to boost locally-delivered training in priority areas like health and hospitality – the field-of-choice for Gabriel Steer who studied with pilot partner CTA Training Specialists.*

### Pilot to boost face-to-face training in rural and remote areas

Queensland's 12-month Rural and Remote Pilot has kicked off, with the announcement of training providers that will partner to deliver the pilot.

The pilot aims to enhance the delivery of high-quality, face-to-face training options for Queenslanders living in rural and remote communities in areas of Central and North Queensland.

A community-centric approach is championed through the pilot, fostering a synergy between training providers and key student groups, including:

- Logan (multicultural career and jobs expo) – 15 August
- Cairns – 29 August
- Toowoomba – 6 November.

At each location, the DESBT team are shining the spotlight on skills pathways to employment opportunities that are aligned to local economic priorities, including many high demand, high-paying and high-value jobs across traditional and emerging industries.

- First Nations people
- people living with disability
- people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

It also focuses on priority skills and supports participants after training – helping them to gain employment, advance in their career, or enter higher-level training.

Delivery locations and providers are listed [online](#).

[Find out more](#)

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## New grants to support women in male-dominated industries

**OPEN NOW! Closing 9 August 2024**

Round one of the new \$2.8 million Women in Industry grants program is now open and will close 5pm, 9 August 2024.

Grants of up to \$150,000 are available to support women to enter, remain, succeed and lead in industries that are typically dominated by men.

Applications are invited from organisations working in or with relevant industries, such as peak advisory bodies and women-led networks.

[Find out more and apply now](#)

We just went around the state  
in **22 days** with the

**2024 QTA  
WINNERS!**

*Take an incredibly quick trip around the state with us and meet the regional winners of this year's Queensland Training Awards. Note: At time of publication, images of North Coast Awards were still pending*

### Around the state in 22 days with the Queensland Training Awards

The Queensland Training Awards regional finals have wrapped up after an epic sprint that saw seven



*Step inside these Townsville-based doors to power-up the energy and manufacturing careers of the future.*

### New facilities train next gen in energy and manufacturing

Queensland's next generation of energy and manufacturing workers now have \$18.29 million future-ready facilities in which to learn their trades.

ceremonies held across the state in just three weeks!

Since 1962, the Queensland Training Awards have been recognising the hard work and talents of VET students and people working in and around the sector.

Every year, they shine a light on those who excel – from students and mentors to the organisations behind them.

In September, regional winners will compete for the statewide title within their category at the Queensland Training Awards' state final.

As though the journey to this point has not been huge enough, in November, many of our Queensland winners will have the opportunity represent their state at the Australian Training Awards.

TAFE Queensland's Townsville Trade Training Centre at Bohle is now home to the state-of-the-art Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training Facility and the Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab.

Tomorrow's renewable energy workforce will refine their expertise in a mixed reality studio, with workshops for hand tools and instrumentation, and electric vehicle training for hydrogen-powered heavy vehicles.

The Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab will deliver training for high-end manufacturing in emerging industries such as augmented reality, automation, cyber security and robotics.

All of this is designed to prepare our workforce not just for good, local jobs today but for careers of the future.

[TIMELAPSE: Watch the new facilities being brought to life.](#)

[Meet the regional winners](#)

[Read the announcement](#)

## New funding for regions to 'grow your own' workforces

**OPEN NOW! Closing 9 August 2024**

Applications are now open for a share of up to \$2 million in funding to grow your own regional workforce.

The Grow Your Own (GYO) Regional Workforce program aims to address workforce attraction, development and retention challenges specific to industries and regions.

The GYO program is funded by Jobs Queensland and powered by the Queensland Workforce Strategy.

[Find out more and apply now](#)

## Upcoming events

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

Or, find us promoting great training for good, local jobs at a [jobs and careers expo](#) near you:

- [Townsville Careers Expo](#)  
29 July 2024 (that's today!)
- [Mackay Careers Expo](#)  
15 August 2024

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

**Want to know more about Queensland Jobs and Skills expo promotions?**

Email our expos team at [expos@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:expos@desbt.qld.gov.au)

*Keep watching*  
**More coming soon!**

## More information

[Visit the website](#) to learn more and read frequently asked questions.

If you have any questions, please email us at [SkillsStrategy@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:SkillsStrategy@desbt.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 369 935.

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