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First Training Priorities Plan released!

Today we published our first annual Training Priorities Plan – a milestone in the implementation of our [*Good Jobs, Great Training: Queensland Skills Strategy 2024–2028*](#).

Training Priorities Plan 2024-25

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Annual Training Priorities Plans are being introduced through the Queensland Skills Strategy to outline how the Queensland Government is supporting skills development across the state.

This annual approach ensures government's significant investment in skills, which reached \$1.5 billion in the 2024-25 State Budget, remains responsive to skills needs while realising the long-term vision of our five-year skills strategy and the National Skills Agreement.

Each financial year, our plans will map out Queensland's skilling priorities and how they inform investment decisions, including subsidised training, as well as industry, community and place-based programs and initiatives.

Our 2024-25 plan leads the way, recognising that social and economic imperatives are two sides of the same coin – changing lives and skilling workforces at the same time.

It shows how, at every career stage, our investment model supports Queenslanders to develop skills for jobs in demand – which also supports a thriving economy.

The plan outlines priority settings that inform what courses are funded and who is eligible, with data, analysis and industry advice used to target investment in skills that deliver good job outcomes.

To learn more and download a copy of this year's plan, visit desbt.qld.gov.au/training-priorities-plan.



New contracting opens for Skills Assure Suppliers

Contracting is now open for registered training organisations (RTOs) interested in working with us to achieve the objectives of funded training through a new Skills Assure Supplier framework.

The framework is how Queensland contracts and quality-assures RTOs that deliver training and assessment services funded by the Queensland Government, known as Skills Assure Suppliers (SAS). It gives students, parents and employers confidence that their funded training providers can deliver high-quality accredited training that best meets their learner and job seeker needs.

A new SAS framework is being developed to align our contracting approach with skills strategy objectives – better targeting and maximising outcomes from our subsidised training programs.

It will deliver sharpened focus on funding the right training, with the right provider, where it is needed – putting Queensland's priorities, including outcomes for students, at the heart of our investment model.

Through the framework, we will deliver three new programs aligned to career stages, making it easier for Queenslanders to understand and navigate their subsidised training options:

- **Career Ready (for school students)**
- **Career Start (for job seekers)**
- **Career Boost (for workers).**

Responding to feedback from training providers, we're also opening up to other providers and streamlining contracts – moving towards a single funded course list and single agreement, over multiple years where appropriate, to give SAS and students greater capacity to make plans.

Visit the department's website to learn more about [SAS framework changes](#).

How RTOs can apply?

All RTOs, including public providers and current SAS, must submit a formal expression of interest (EOI) to be considered to deliver funded training under Queensland's new SAS framework.

Applications will be via a new open and transparent two-stage EOI process:

Stage 1: mandatory eligibility

Stage 2: formal assessment against criteria.

RTOs must meet mandatory eligibility criteria in stage 1 in order to progress to stage 2.

Stage 1 opened Monday 30 September 2024 for training delivery under new Career Start and Career Boost programs from 1 July 2025.

Stage 1 will open for six weeks, **closing Friday 8 November 2024**.

A separate EOI application process will commence for a new Career Ready (VET in Schools) program later this year.

More information can be found on our [SAS contracting](#) webpage, including Stage 1 guidelines, frequently asked questions, information sessions and contact details for enquiries.

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The Queensland Government respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands and seas from across Queensland.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the state.

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