

# Queensland JOBS AND SKILLS CONNECT

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## July 2025

### National Skills Week 2025: explore the power of skills

[National Skills Week](#) (25 to 31 August)

celebrates the vital role vocational education and training (VET) plays in supporting Australia's workforce and driving economic growth.

This year's theme '**Explore ALL the options**' highlights the importance of skills-based training in building a resilient, future-ready workforce. It reminds the community that whether it's school students, career changers, upskillers, or people re-entering the workforce, vocational education and training opens doors to in-demand careers and lifelong learning.

The Queensland Government is proud to support National Skills Week 2025.

We encourage stakeholders across industry, training and education to get involved by promoting opportunities and supporting events that shine a light on the benefits of skills-based training.



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## Regional Jobs Committees to shape local workforces

The Regional Jobs Committees program has been extended through to 2027 - and we are seeking applications from organisations to deliver the program in 12 regions across the state.

We're looking for trusted local organisations with strong community and industry networks to lead the next phase of this important workforce initiative.

Regional Jobs Committees work with local employers, training providers and government to address regional workforce needs and ensure training matches real job opportunities.

Review the good work by the current [Fraser Coast Regional Jobs Committee](#) and help spread the word by accessing the [promotional kit](#).

**Applications close 5pm, Friday 15 August 2025.**

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## Driving the future automotive industry

The Queensland Government is seeking applications from organisations to deliver the new [Automotive Gateway to Industry Schools](#) program, to connect high school students with real-world experience and skills in one of the state's most dynamic and technologically advanced sectors.

The automotive industry plays a vital role in Queensland's economy — driving innovation in electric vehicles, sustainability, automation and global trade. This Gateway program supports students to explore careers in these areas and gives the industry a direct connection with emerging talent.

Organisations with strong industry networks and the ability to deliver engaging programs across Queensland schools are encouraged to apply.

**Applications close 5pm, Friday 15 August 2025.**

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## New investment future-proofs state's manufacturing industry

Manufacturing Skills Queensland (MSQ) has launched its 2025–26 Annual Training Plan alongside '[You Can Make It!](#)', a career book inspiring young girls to explore manufacturing. Featuring stories of 15 successful Queensland women, the book promotes diversity and will be distributed to primary schools statewide.



(photo courtesy of Manufacturing Skills Queensland)

The Annual Training Plan targets workforce challenges and growth opportunities, with funding across four key areas: Attraction and Engagement, Transformation and Leadership, Training and Skills, and Diversity. Queensland businesses stand to benefit from initiatives like:

- Manufacturing Skills Invest: Grants for training programs tailored to niche manufacturers
- Productivity and technology: Support for adopting AI and efficiency tools
- Inclusivity in manufacturing: A workforce-matching platform connecting people with disability to jobs.

With Queensland's manufacturing sector growing 9% over the past decade, Manufacturing Skills Queensland's plan offers businesses a chance to upskill, innovate, and thrive.

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Image: South East Queensland regional winners with Minister for Trade, Employment and Training, the Honourable Ros Bates - 5th from left.

## Celebrating training excellence across Queensland

The 2025 Queensland Training Awards regional ceremony season is in full swing — a time to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of local apprentices, trainees, employers, trainers, and community training initiatives.

More than 200 exceptional finalists are vying for a place at the State Final, representing diverse industries across construction, hairdressing, hospitality, local government, legal services and healthcare.

Seven regional ceremonies are taking place in July and August, showcasing how vocational education and training is helping build skilled careers, strengthen workforces, and power local economies.

Winners from each region will advance to the State Final on 13 September at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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[Regional winners and finalists >>](#)



### Generating a safe and skilled clean energy workforce

A new online platform, [MyPass](#), is making it easier for clean energy workers, employers and training providers to keep track of qualifications, safety training and compliance all in one place.

Developed by the Queensland Government and the Clean Energy Council, it streamlines onboarding, reduces admin and supports worker mobility across projects and industries.

MyPass also features an industry-endorsed training guide, a digital Skills Passport and career



### Plan a future workforce in translated languages

Finding the right people with the right skills is key to business success. Workforce Planning Connect makes it easier than ever by offering its workforce planning workbook in simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese.

This resource helps businesses:

- understand the benefits of workforce planning
- build knowledge and skills to create a workforce plan



pathways to help attract new talent and address skills gaps.

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- take practical steps to align workforce planning with business goals.

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## Supporting diverse learners into laboratory careers

A Skilling Queenslanders for Work project, run by *Communitify Queensland*, has empowered 24 participants - primarily women re-entering the workforce, young people aged 15–24, and individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds — to gain employment in science-based roles. Through a tailored Certificate III in Laboratory Skills, participants accessed hands-on training for careers in pathology and research labs.



The program offered comprehensive wrap-around supports and industry excursions, such as a behind-the-scenes experience at Sea World and a visit to QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, deepening engagement and career aspiration.

These immersive activities highlighted real-world applications of scientific work, inspiring many to consider further study. With 79% of participants completing the program and gaining employment, the project demonstrated how targeted support and industry exposure can transform employment outcomes for underrepresented groups in the STEM sector.

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## Build Queensland's future on the road to 2032

QBuild is calling on qualified tradies to join the team delivering a major pipeline of public works



## Graduate program supports public works

The Department of Housing and Public Works has launched its Graduate Program 2026 (2025)

ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

With a focus on regional roles, QBuild provides tools and PPE, and sources projects that vary from community recovery, upgrading public buildings to large-scale capital projects.

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*graduates pictured, above*), a 2-year early-career program that blends practical experience with professional development.

The program offers recent graduates the opportunity to work collaboratively on significant initiatives and projects, leading to careers within the public sector.

**Applications close Wednesday, 20 August 2025.**

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## Building theatre pathways for First Nations talent in Far North Queensland

First Nations students (*pictured, right*) in Far North Queensland are stepping into the spotlight through the [Binalmalmal](#) (Listening and Learning) program — a collaborative, First Nations-led initiative designed to build skills and confidence for careers in theatre arts for all ages.

Developed by CQUniversity, the free program offers short courses in theatre skills, supported by digital badges received on completion. This enables participants to clearly communicate their knowledge and capabilities to future employers or education providers.



Combining online learning, face-to-face workshops, and a two-week intensive, Binalmalmal is opening doors to creative careers while strengthening cultural expression and community connection.

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## Events

### Industry and community input required for TAFE Centres of Excellence roundtables

**Date:** multiple dates throughout August 2025

**Time:** various

**Location:** in person and online

TAFE Centres of Excellence at TAFE Queensland are hosting multiple, state-wide roundtable discussions on:

- improving and innovating training for [clean energy battery technologies](#)
- strengthening training and workforce development in [nursing and aged care](#).

Industry and community insights and expertise are crucial to developing innovative solutions to support these critical workforces.

[Register Clean Energy Batteries >>](#)

[Register Nursing/Aged Care >>](#)



## Help shape future workforce solutions for the Darling Downs and South West

**Date:** Friday, 1 August 2025

**Time:** 2.30pm to 4.00pm

**Location:** Burke and Wills Hotel, 554 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, 4350

The Queensland Government and Migration Queensland are hosting a Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) discussion focused on the Darling Downs and South West region.

This important session will explore local workforce challenges, identify gaps in the current migration system, and consider potential programs and strategies to help attract skilled talent to the region.

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## Awards

### Championing women in STEM



The *2025 Queensland Women in STEM Prize* continues to recognise and elevate the exceptional contributions of women across science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and the social sciences.

The Prize plays a key role in advancing gender equity, diversity and inclusion within Queensland's STEM sectors by highlighting the achievements of emerging female leaders and role models, encouraging more women and girls to pursue leadership roles where representation remains low.

For industry, education and training organisations, this is an opportunity to support a more inclusive and innovative future—where all Queenslanders benefit from diverse leadership in STEM.

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## Multicultural Queensland Month: a celebration of diversity

Multicultural Queensland Month returns this August, recognising the important role that people from all cultural backgrounds play in shaping our workforce and communities.

Queensland is home to people from more than 220 countries, speaking more than 190 languages. This cultural diversity brings unique skills, perspectives, and experiences that contribute to our workplaces, training programs, and local industries.

The 2025 theme, 'One Queensland, many stories', highlights the diverse journeys of migration, belonging, and contribution that strengthen Queensland's economy and society.

Let's recognise the value of inclusion across every industry—and the role we all play in building welcoming, skilled and connected workplaces.

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