

WHAT IS THE PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM?

Description

The Productivity Places Program (PPP) is part of a national agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments. The Program supports employment in NSW by funding an additional 175,000 qualifications for existing workers and job seekers until June 2012.

The qualifications range from Certificate II to Advanced Diploma and cover a mix of pathways such as traineeships and modes of delivery such as block release training.

The NSW Training Market manages service delivery through the:

- NSW Productivity Places Program for the delivery of Certificate IV to advanced diploma qualifications for jobseekers and existing workers.
- Apprenticeship and Traineeship Training Program for delivery of additional new entrant traineeships for jobseekers at Certificate II-III and selected existing worker traineeships.

The Program also helps implement the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Compacts for Young Australians and for Retrenched Workers by providing an entitlement to a training place.

Job Seeker means someone who is a NSW resident and is...

- registered with an Job Services Australia provider, or
- an income support recipient who is not currently required to meet activity test or participation requirements, or
- a participant in the Community Development Employment Projects scheme, or
- not currently working and seeking or intending to seek paid employment or self-employment after completing training - this definition includes people 20 years of age or older who have been in paid employment for one hour or less in the week prior to commencement of training, and people 15-19 years of age who are not formally enrolled in school and have been in paid employment for 15 hours or less in the week prior to commencement of training, or
- a participant in the Commonwealth's Access Program, or
- not working and participating in volunteering activities.

Purpose

The principal purpose of the program is to:

- reduce skill shortages in priority industries and qualifications
- provide entry level skills attainment and improve access to real job opportunities for job seekers
- encourage skills enhancement and improved career opportunities for existing workers.

Other objectives are to:

- increase the productivity of industry and enterprises
- increase investment in training
- provide cost effective quality training

- support the training requirements of industry
- meet the skill needs of existing workers and job seekers.

RTOs are required to give priority enrolment in training to participants in relation to:

- The Youth Compact which provides an education or training entitlement to 15 to 24 year olds
- The Compact with Retrenched Workers which provides a training entitlement for retrenched workers
- Training for Aboriginal people.

Looking for Training?

Are you a jobseeker wanting training for a qualification to improve your job prospects?

Are you working and want to get more skills and a qualification to get a better job or a promotion with your employer?

The Productivity Places Program (PPP) funds the delivery of training in qualifications at the Certificate IV to advanced diploma levels in skills shortage areas. Check out what qualifications are funded:

Found the training you want? What Next?

Once you have found training that interests you contact one of the training organisations listed and ask if they are able to offer you a place.

If you need help contact

- a State Training Services Regional Centre (ph 13 28 11)
- a [Job Service Australia provider](#)

Both of these can provide you with up to date information on what training is available and contact the relevant training organisations to negotiate a training place.