



Funding for new training places is available to upskill your existing workforce

What is the Productivity Places Program for Existing Workers?

The Productivity Places Program for Existing Workers is aimed at increasing the skills of existing workers in areas of industry skills demand, and is a partnership between the Commonwealth government, the Government of South Australia, and industry, as part of the Skilling Australia for the Future Initiative.

Funding will be available from the State and Federal governments to train and upskill your existing workers (primarily to Certification IV or above) through training places that lead to nationally endorsed qualifications.

Eligible proposals will:

- Aim to upskill existing workers who are Australian citizens or permanent residents; over the age of 15; and employed at least 1 hour per week (under employed).
- Involve collaboration between at least one employer or enterprise, and a Registered Training Organisation (accredited under the Australian Quality Training Framework).
- Demonstrate industry endorsement from a relevant Industry Skills Board, industry or employer association or similar.

Funding

The bulk of funding for approved proposals will be met by the Australian and State Governments, with a minimum 10% to be contributed by the employer/industry.

Funding will be allocated through a contestable grants process. The selection process will evaluate proposals on how well they meet the objectives of the Program.

Eligibility Criteria for Proposals

The program is a partnership between the Australian and State Governments as a part of the Australian Government's Skilling Australia for the Future initiative (Commonwealth funding 50% and State Government 40%). Also applies to those employees who have professional qualification.

Further funding for Existing Workers will be available from July 2009. An application round will open in late May 2009, to be finalised before the end of June 2009.

Proponents can be

- Employers
- Industry bodies/associations
- Enterprises
- Employer groups
- Registered Training Organisations (RTO's)

Proposals should demonstrate

- Industry need endorsed by industry
- A contribution to raising the skill level of existing workers
- Value for money
- A proposed income/expenditure budget
- How funds will be managed
- A minimum contribution of 10% from employer/industry sources
- The training methodology used to meet the desired outcomes
- Employer compliance with Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999

Which qualifications are within the scope of PPP and next steps...

Training places in PPP will be allocated on the basis of priority occupations. A list of priority occupations has been collated by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) as part of its Skills in Demand research.

As an RTO Locher Human Resources is pleased to announce that we deliver the following qualifications available under PPP:

- Certificate IV in Frontline Management (BSB40807)
- Certificate IV in Business Sales (BSB40607)
- Certificate IV in Business Administration (BSB40507)
- Certificate IV in Training & Assessment (BSB40104)
- Certificate III in Government (PSP30104)
- Certificate IV in Government (PSP40104)
- Diploma of Management (BSB51107)
- Diploma of Government (PSP50104)
- Advanced Diploma of Government (PSP60104)



How To Apply

Qualified staff within Locher will work with you to develop an initial application which meets the application criteria, outlines a strategy to deliver relevant qualifications and describes how the proposed program will add value to current training activities. At a time where developing staff and building their capability is vital to economic recovery Locher will provide the support to your organisation in preparation of the application and importantly in the quality delivery of timely and effective training solutions.

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