

Productivity Places Program (PPP)

Information for the Health & Community Services Industries in Queensland

WHAT IS THE PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM (PPP)?

The Productivity Places Program (PPP) is part of the Australian Government's Skilling Australia for the Future initiative in partnership with State and Territory governments. PPP aims to boost workforce participation and productivity across all industries by offering additional training places for jobseekers and existing workers. The industry-led program will target areas of skill shortage across the Australian economy with a focus on higher-level skills and training places.

HOW MANY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE?

PPP aims to provide a total of 701,000 training places across all industries nationally for jobseekers and existing workers over five years from 2008. Around 20 percent of these places will be allocated in Queensland, based on the state's share of the working age population. Approximately 10,000 of Queensland's job seeker and existing worker training places have been allocated for Health-related occupations in recognition of the critical skill shortages that currently exist in this sector. Additional places will be allocated for other Community Services occupations.

HOW IS THE WORKFORCE COUNCIL INVOLVED IN PPP?

The Queensland Department of Education and Training (DET) has nominated the Workforce Council as the industry broker for PPP places for the health and community services industries. The Workforce Council is only one industry stakeholder involved in PPP delivery. PPP is also being delivered through TAFE (Vet Revenue General), apprenticeships and traineeships (User Choice) funding, employment programs (Skilling Queenslanders for Work), existing skilling strategies (eg: Disability Services Skilling Plan), and direct tender of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). Part of the Workforce Council's role is to advise DET on industry priorities for the wider PPP implementation.

The Workforce Council will purchase approximately 350 health and community services qualifications from a list of priorities identified by industry (see the table below for this priority list). The role of industry broker is to ensure that PPP qualifications are delivered effectively in accordance with industry needs. DET has provided funding for the industry broker role initially for one year with a view to extending the funding if the project meets industry's and the Department's needs.

HOW IS INDUSTRY INVOLVED IN PPP?

The Workforce Council will work with key employers, peak bodies, unions and training organisations to identify training, level and location priorities for their sectors. Health and community services organisations can provide input about their workforce skilling priorities through sector consultative groups which will develop plans for delivery of PPP qualifications. You can also provide direct input by contacting the Workforce Council on (07) 3234 0190 or sa@workforce.org.au.

HOW WILL TRAINING PROVIDERS BE INVOLVED?

RTOs will be contracted to deliver the training and assessment to industry employers and jobseekers according to the plans advised by sector consultative groups. Training providers will be chosen using a range of strategies according to these plans. RTOs interested in delivering PPP training and assessment services should send their details to the contact address below or email sa@workforce.org.au.

WHAT TRAINING WILL BE OFFERED?

DET has assigned a list of eligible health and community services qualifications to the Workforce Council for industry brokerage. Actual delivery will depend on sector plans, industry priority and project capacity. As with all vocational education and training, participants will be offered Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at the commencement of any qualification. Priority qualifications are outlined over the page.

"PPP aims to provide over 700,000 training places across all industries nationally for jobseekers and existing workers."



CAN YOU HELP INDIVIDUALS LOOKING FOR TRAINING?

The role of the Workforce Council is to work with employers and RTOs to arrange delivery of PPP qualifications according to industry needs. The Workforce Council is not a RTO and will not be delivering PPP training to individuals. If you are an individual looking for training, contact your chosen training provider directly.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- » Productivity Places Program – Department of Education & Training (DET)
www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au/partners/funding_and_tenders/ppp/index.html
- » Skills Shortages and the Productivity Places Program – Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/ProductivityPlaces/Resources/Documents/Resources/SAFTF_factsheet.pdf
- » Visit the Workforce Council website at www.workforce.org.au to receive the latest updates on PPP for the health and community services industries, or contact the Workforce Council PPP Project directly on the contact below.

HOW MUCH WILL THE TRAINING COST?

PPP training for existing workers requires a contribution from the employer to the cost of training. The Workforce Council must average 25% contribution by employers to the cost of existing worker training. The actual cost to individual employers will depend on sector plans, industry capacity and market prices. Some employers (e.g. government agencies) and some sectors may be expected to pay a larger proportion to allow for other employers who do not have the capacity to pay the full 25%. Training for job seekers is fully funded by PPP.

WHEN WILL THE TRAINING START?

Funding agreements for the Workforce Council PPP Project were signed in June 2009 with commencement expected by July 2009. Consultations with key sectors will begin as soon as possible. We expect the first RTO contracts will be negotiated around September 2009, with other contracts being developed over the following six to nine months. Further details and timeframes will be announced through the Workforce Council website at www.workforce.org.au as soon as they are finalised.

PRIORITY QUALIFICATIONS

Code	Qualification Title
CHC40508	Certificate IV in Mental Health (Non-Clinical)*
HLT43307	Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting*
HLT51607	Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 nursing)*
HLT32407	Certificate III in Allied Health Assisting^
HLT42507	Certificate IV in Allied Health Assisting#
CHC40308	Certificate IV in Disability*
CHC50108	Diploma of Disability#
CHC40108	Certificate IV in Aged Care#
HLT32807	Certificate III in Health Support Services^
CHC30708	Certificate III in Children's Services^
CHC52208	Diploma of Community Services Coordination#
TAA40104	Certificate IV in Training and Assessment#
BSB40807	Certificate IV in Frontline Management#
HLT44007	Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community Care)*
HLT52207	Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community Care)#

* Job seeker and existing worker places ^ Job seeker places only # Existing worker places only

THE PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM (PPP) IS A JOINT COMMONWEALTH AND QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE
SKILLS ALLIANCE Health & Community Services Workforce Council Inc. Ground Floor 303 Adelaide Street Brisbane Q 4000
P: (07) 3234 0190 **F:** (07) 3234 0474 **E:** SA@workforce.org.au **W:** www.workforce.org.au

