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Remember to make use of the [ongoing grant opportunities and resources](#) listed below and contact me if you have any questions relating to skills and training in NSW.

Best wishes,
Jess

Smart and Skilled Update

NSW Skills List updated – Version 13.4

The NSW Skills list has been updated to cover changes as a result of NSW Fee Free initiative changes, updates to Training Packages and updates to Vocational Training Orders.

Versions 13.4 of the [NSW Skills List](#) and [Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule](#) are now available.

AgSkilled 2.0 Program

The AsSkilled 2.0 Steering Committee has endorsed changes to courses and Units of Competency (UoCs) for delivery under the program as well as adding new courses and UoCs.

The new courses are as follows:

- Weed Control
- Farm Fencing
- Customer Service
- Electrical Tag and Test

Read more in the [Smart and Skilled update](#).

Congratulations to Silverdale Academy Australian Turf Club Internship Program

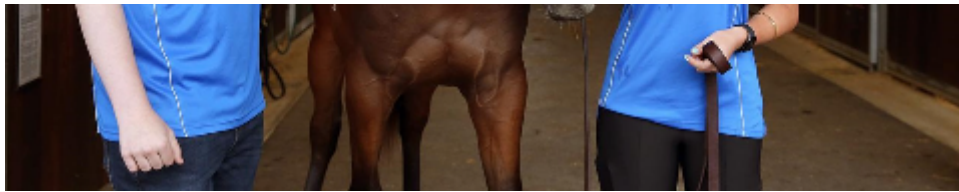
Silverdale Academy with the Australian Turf Club, in partnership with TAFE NSW, provided students with immersive on-stud learning experiences as part of their new Internship Program. The program is designed to introduce interns to the opportunities of working on a horse breeding farm with the potential of a career in breeding, racing or in other sectors of the horse industry.

Students spent the week of 13-17 February at the Australian Turf Club located at Warwick Farm Racecourse in South-West Sydney learning about animal welfare, yearling preparation and sales, workplace communications, work health and safety and basic handling. Students got to hear first-hand experiences from industry legends, business owners, stud managers and an equine veterinarian on their career journeys and learn about the career pathways and opportunities available in the industry.

AFAM ITAB congratulates Steve Grant, Founder of Silverdale Academy and his team and TAFE NSW for putting together a successful program and congratulates students for completing the internship program.

Read more about the [Silverdale Farm Intern Program](#).





NSW Training Awards - Applications Now Open

Applications for the 2022 NSW Training Awards are now open. As the premier awards for vocational education and training (VET) in NSW, the awards are a great way to receive recognition for the effort that individuals, employers and Registered Training Organisations put into VET.

Conducted annually by Training Services NSW, the awards honour and reward the achievements of students, Trainers/Teachers, Registered Training Organisations and both large and medium employers.

As well as providing the opportunity to celebrate achievements and hard work, entering the awards raises the profile of organisations and showcases their commitment to VET. Nominating an individual can open many doors and potentially become a steppingstone in their career.

Nominations close for individuals on **19 March 2023 at 11.59pm** and close for organisations **2 April 2023 at 11.59pm**.

Learn more about [eligibility and selection criteria](#).

For more information about the awards and the benefits of being involved visit [Training Services NSW](#).



Trade Pathways Innovation Fund - Applications Open

Training Services NSW, as part of working to increase qualified workers across trade occupations, will support industry-led projects that trial and test new approaches to obtaining trade qualifications or enhance existing non-traditional pathways. Eligible organisations can apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 (GST exclusive) to deliver innovative projects. Depending on the type of innovation proposed, funded projects will engage [Smart and Skilled Providers](#) for the delivery of any accredited training components.

Projects should:

- be delivered in one or more of the [Training Services NSW regions](#)
- focus on establishing or enhancing pathways outside of traditional apprenticeship and traineeship pathways
- nominate qualifications from the list of approved trade and trade-like qualifications (refer to appendix B in the attachment)
- have a delivery period of 12-months and conclude no later than May 2024.

An information webinar will be held on **Wednesday 1 March from 2:00 - 3:00pm**. Register for the [Trade Pathways Innovation Fund Webinar](#).

Read more key information about grant guidelines, eligibility criteria and application checklists for the [Trade Pathways Innovation Fund](#).

Applications **close 4 April 2023 at 5.00pm**.



Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANSCO) - 2023 Update

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) comprehensive review into how Australian occupations are classified, and how The Australian and New Zealand Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) can better reflect the current Australian labour market is now open for the 2023 first-round consultations.

ANZSCO are welcoming submissions via the ABS Consultation Hub. Occupations are listed by focus areas which available to be viewed on the [ABS website](#). The focus list for this first round includes 'scientific research services' covering the following occupations:

- Food Technologist
- Wine Maker
- Conservation Officer
- Park Ranger
- Botanist

This round of consultation will remain open for 12 weeks, closing on **28 April 2023**. Submissions can be made via the [ABS Consultation Hub](#).

2023 Skills Conference - 14 June

'Be Inspired' at the 2023 Skills Conference to be held 14 June at Dockside Darling Harbour, Sydney, hosted by the Apprentice Employment Network NSW & ACT

Carolyn Miller from 'The Gruen Transfer' on the ABC will be the keynote speaker at the 2023 Skills Conference. Carolyn has been a part of the advertising industry for over 20 years. She's the Founder of marketing consultancy 'The Honeycomb Effect' and an expert in brand, advertising and marketing – from consumers and strategy to campaigns and creative ideas. In the keynote, the Apprentice Network NSW & ACT, will tap into Carolyn's knowledge of advertising to discuss how industry can target the next generation to go into apprenticeships and traineeships.

An opportunity to meet with other industry colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere before the conference is available the night before with a 2-hour networking event.

To register for the conference, read about conference speakers and view the full program visit [Skills Conference](#).

NSW Apprenticeship and Traineeships Updates

Training Services NSW publish Commissioner Information Bulletins (CIBs) when training packages have been updated. CIBs may include training frameworks, industrial arrangements, job descriptions and licensing and regulatory requirements.

Recently published CIBs for Apprenticeships and Traineeships in NSW:

- [CIB - 737](#) - ACM - Animal Care and Management - apprenticeships and traineeships - 16/12/22

Consultation to update the Apprenticeships and Traineeships in Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC) and Australian Meat Processing (AMP) Vocational Training Orders (VTOs) will commence shortly.

National Careers Institute Releases Australian Jobs Report

The National Careers Institute has released Australian Jobs 2022, which provides an overview of trends in the labour market.

The report is designed to support job seekers, employment service providers, career advisers, and those interested in labour market issues.

The publication pulls together data from a range of sources including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, the Department of Education and the National Centre for Vocational Education Research.

Read [Australian Jobs 2022](#)





National Training Package Projects Update



The final training package changes for AHC, ACM, AMP, FBP, FWP, PPM and SFI have now been endorsed by the skills ministers and updated on the National Training Register (training.gov.au)

- [Ag & Horticulture Core Skills Project](#)
- [Pig and Poultry Farming Project](#)
- [Permaculture, Organic Production & Composting Projects](#)
- [Meat Processing, General, Quality and Safety Skills Project](#)
- [Respect for Country Job Skills Project](#)
- [Australian Native and Bush Food Project](#)
- [Responding and Assisting in Bushfires Project](#)
- [Sawmilling and Timber Processing Project](#)

Training Package updates have now been put on hold while the Jobs and Skills Councils are being established and initial workforce planning is undertaken. Qualifications reform is also in progress and this may lead to a revision in the ways that this work is undertaken. We recommend that stakeholders review the proposals related to qualifications reform and [participate in the public consultation](#).

NSW Grants, Opportunities and Scholarships

Training Services NSW is offering the following grants, opportunities and scholarships to employers and vocational learners. Follow the links for more information.

[Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative](#): support for existing Aboriginal owned and operated businesses to grow and diversify their business.

[Barranggirra](#): to provide end to end support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners through culturally appropriate mentoring to ensure successful retention and completion of training and improved post-training employment outcomes.

[Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant](#): the grant adopts a number of strategies to develop and support Aboriginal people through the creation of training and employment opportunities. **Submissions close at 5.00PM 30 June 2023 (AEST).**

[Resources to Assist in Supervising Your Apprentice or Trainee](#): a series of videos and resources are available.

[Free Training for Veterans](#): to broaden their career opportunities and help transition to civilian life after service, veterans and their partners will have access to free training.

Other Grants and opportunities:

[Free Support to Help Create Mentally Healthy Workplaces](#): SafeWork NSW has a range of programs, tools and resources available to help on the journey to create mentally healthy workplaces.

COVID-19 Support

Services NSW is working with federal, state and local government and the private sector to bring together all the COVID-19 support and services for businesses on the [Services NSW website](#).

TAFE NSW has developed [a website](#) that collates information and programs to assist small businesses in the recovery period from COVID-19.

The pandemic has brought about new challenges and your mental wellbeing is important. If you are feeling stress, anxious or negatively impacted by COVID-19, there are resources and services available to help on the [NSW government website](#).

COVID-19 Updates;

Find COVID-19 related guides and stay up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 VET updates on the [Training Services NSW website](#).

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