

2024-25



Skills Insight

Annual Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring Plan 2024-25

The Annual Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring Plan 2024-25 provides a targeted overview of the activities to be undertaken as described below. These activities address skills and capabilities priorities described in the <u>Workforce Plan</u> and are supported by key stakeholders.

This Annual Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring Plan 2024-25 only identifies activities that are not training package products.

To view all Skills Insight projects currently underway visit https://skillsinsight.com.au/projects/.

Version history

This document will be updated as additional information becomes available, and when/if additional activities are added.

Version	Published	Comments
1	June 2025	Initial release
		Reflects projects approved in the Annual Activity Schedule $2024/25$, executed 30 July $2024-07$ April 2025 .

Projects starting 2024-2025

Title Descriptor Activity Plan Expected timeframe

Research on Pre-requisite Challenges and Solutions for Manual Tree Felling Units of Competency

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity is designed to conduct research on appropriate pre-requisite units in manual tree felling training packages to ensure both availability of training and occupational health and safety.

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Research on Prerequisite Challenges and Solutions for Manual Tree Felling Units of Competency

This Skills Insight JSC project is being managed with the support of ForestWorks as part of their collaborative partnership with Skills Insight. ForestWorks has an enduring and strong connection working with the forestry, timber, paper, fibre and furnishing industries and have been engaged by Skills Insight to deliver this project in partnership.

This activity aims to investigate and devise solutions to challenges related to establishing pre-requisite requirements for the FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package units of competency in manual tree felling across various sectors and applications, including arboriculture, emergency services, vegetation and land management and forestry.

It proposes to conduct further research and consider strategies for implementing pre-requisite requirements in response to Skills Insight's recent Tree Felling Project, which updated three units of competency to reduce barriers to training delivery. Introducing pre-requisites to the manual tree felling units received strong stakeholder support during the Tree Felling Project for safe training and skill development, however, this was a fast-tracked project to address the concerns around access to trees for assessment and therefore did not have scope for this additional work at the time.

The objective is to ensure safety and skill development in manual tree felling operations by creating a clear and effective pathway for learners to acquire the essential skills and knowledge before enrolling in a tree felling unit, whether that is through the addition of pre-requisite requirements or alternative approaches.

Activity Plan:

- Activity 1: Engage with Training Package Assurance Body and State Training Authorities
- Activity 2: Consultation with Targeted Stakeholders and Data Collection
- Activity 3: Analysis and Development of Draft Recommendations and Activity Plan
- Activity 4: Stakeholder Review and Feedback
- Activity 5: Finalisation of Recommendations and Activity Plan Report

Duration:
Routine— 12 months

To allow suitable time for targeted face-to-face consultation in rural and remote areas to better target stakeholders impacted by and/or interested in the outcomes of the project.

Expected timeframe: 30 July 2024 - 31 July 2025

Supporting Partnerships for Tree Allocation for Training in Manual Tree Felling

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity is designed to determine appropriate tree allocation and sourcing protocols for manual tree felling training units.

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Stakeholder feedback and a <u>detailed survey conducted among RTOs</u> as <u>part of the Tree Felling Project</u> revealed widespread difficulties in obtaining the required number of trees for training delivery. Despite modifications to competency requirements to reduce the number of trees needed for assessments, the issue of limited tree availability persists, highlighting the need for additional solutions.

The activity aims to:

- Enhance the accessibility of trees for training and assessment purposes.
- Promote sustainable resource management practices within and outside the VET sector.
- Support the delivery of quality training in tree felling, ensuring the safety and competency of individuals.

Skills Insight website:

https://skillsinsight.com.gu/project/tree-allocation-partnerships/

Activity Plan:

- Activity 1: Stakeholder Engagement
- Activity 2: Protocol Development for Tree Allocation
- Activity 3: Pilot Test for Tree Allocation
- Activity 4:
 Implementation
 Support
- Activity 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Duration:
Complex— 15 months

To allow sufficient time to engage with key stakeholders, develop a protocol, pilot test, implement support and monitor and evaluate progress.

Expected timeframe: 30 September 2024 - 31 December 2025

Meat Safety Induction (Agribusiness Safety Induction Pilot) Stage 2

This Stage 2 implementation, promotion and monitoring activity is to fund the development and testing of the IT solution for immersive learning products for meat processing and abattoir safety training.

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SKI_ANN_2425_008	During the <u>first meeting</u> of The Agriculture Workforce Working Group (AWWG), it was proposed that investigations take place into a safety	Activity Plan:	Duration: Routine — 12 months
Meat Safety Induction	induction program to be piloted in the meat processing industry.	Development of interactive	
(Agribusiness Safety		content for WHS training	Expected timeframe:
Induction Pilot) Stage 2	Research and consultation have taken place to plan the safety induction	Draduction of a report including	03 February 2025 - 27 February 2026
This Skills Insight JSC project is being managed with the support of MINTRAC as	program and select an appropriate vendor to develop simulated learning modules. A process to film all the modules is now underway. Once filmed, they will undergo a review process, including collecting feedback from the project steering committee.	Production of a report including findings and recommendations, and advice for potential implementation across other industries.	rebruary 2020
part of their collaborative partnership with Skills Insight. MINTRAC has a	As part of the final stage of this project, a report will be produced to outline findings and recommendations, including advice for potential implementation across other industries.		
strong history working with the Australian meat	Shilla hadaha wa kata		
processing industry on skills and training solutions and have been engaged by Skills Insight to deliver this project in partnership.	Skills Insight website: https://skillsinsight.com.au/project/worker-safety-induction-pilot/		

Career mapping of the of the agricultural qualifications in the AHC Training Package, including a potential Agricultural Trade Pathway

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity aims to address skills shortages and training gaps in the agriculture sector by comprehensively identify and collate the pathways, job titles and connections to current qualifications that currently exist within this field.

SKI_ANN_2425_005	The recent Ag Trade Pathway report and consultations highlighted the importance of career mapping to develop the pathway. Pathway	Activity Plan:	Duration: Complex— 15 months
Career mapping of the agricultural qualifications in the AHC Training Package, including a potential	mapping is included as an Implementation Process Stage 1 activity in the Feasibility Report, which will be covered by the proposed scope of work in this proposal. Pathway mapping will help Skills Insight understand the number of occupations that can be included within a potential trade	 Career mapping for agricultural career pathways 	To allow sufficient time to engage with key stakeholders, develop a protocol, pilot test, implement

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Agricultural Trade Pathway	pathway, and where other Purpose 1, 2 or 3 qualifications may still be needed.	•	AHC training package qualifications	support and monitor and evaluate progress.
	Skills Insight website: https://skillsinsight.com.au/project/career-pathways-for-agricultural-	•	Potential Trade Pathways	Expected timeframe: 30 September 2024 - 30
	<u>trades/</u>	•	Synthesise stakeholder input	June 2025
		•	Identify streamlining opportunities	
		•	Investigate and describe vertical, horizontal and diagonal career moves	

Poultry Farm Biosecurity Initiative

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity aims to utilise training education workshops to develop industry awareness of biosecurity threats.

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Poultry Farm Biosecurity Initiative

This Skills Insight JSC project is being managed with the support of MINTRAC as part of their collaborative partnership with Skills Insight. MINTRAC has a strong history working with the Australian meat processing industry on skills and training

In its 2022-2027 <u>Chicken Meat Program Research Development and Extension Plan</u>, AgriFutures identifies 'enhancing biosecurity, health and welfare' as one of the key priorities of the poultry industry.

In response to this and other calls from industry for improved skills in prevention of biosecurity incursions, Skills Insight and MINTRAC are undertaking this project to deliver free workshops for chicken meat and egg producers around the country and online. Workshops will focus on the role of on-farm flock safety measures in safeguarding the biosecurity of the broader industry.

Participants will come together to create or review their on-farm Biosecurity Management Plans. This gives industry in each region the opportunity to collaborate and share best practice, uplifting the

Project outputs:

- The documenting of on farm Biosecurity
 Management Plans as undertaken by training workshop participants
- Ongoing minimisation of biosecurity incursions and reportable incidents
- Development of a training program that can be re-used across

Duration:

Short — 8 months

Shorter project in response to industry calls for action

Expected timeframe: 30 September 2024 - 30 June 2025

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solutions and have been engaged by Skills Insight to deliver this project in partnership.	biosecurity of the entire industry. Content for the workshops will draw on already existing resources. Insights gained from this project will be used to inform further work by Skills Insight in supporting biosecurity skills across the industries we serve. Project activities have been impacted by the recent Avian Influenza incursions across Victoria, with industry prioritising a nationwide biosecurity response. For more information see the website. Skills Insight website: https://skillsinsight.com.au/project/flock-safe/	all agribusiness sectors with bio security risks at the conclusion of the project period Workshop attendance and competency assessment records Knowledge uplift verified through competency assessment results Shift in biosecurity, awareness and preparedness A model for a program that can be duplicated across other industry sectors without needing JSC program funding as the program will have been designed and tested and available for use.	

Attraction and Retention of a Skilled Workforce

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity is a pilot that seeks to assist employers in attracting and retaining skilled workers through developing a comprehensive place-based strategy capable of utilisation across sectors in regional, rural and remote (RRR) Australia.

SKI_ANN_2425_009	Attraction and retention of a skilled workforce is a key priority for the industries Skills Insight supports, as identified in our conversations with	Activity Plan:	Duration: Routine — 12 months
Attraction and Retention of a Skilled Workforce	stakeholders, including our <u>Stakeholder Forum</u> . These industries are responsible for caring for our environments and animals, and produce the raw material required to feed, clothe and house the population. They also have a large proportion of their operations located in regional,	 Collect information about current processes and strategies 	

Title	Descriptor	Activity Plan	Expected timeframe
	rural and remote locations, presenting specific challenges in workforce attraction and retention.	 Industry needs analysis and advice 	Expected timeframe: 03 February 2025 - 27 February 2026
	While there are many examples of successful strategies and resources available, businesses can find it challenging to navigate these to find the advice needed to support their specific attraction and retention needs.	 Resource developed and made available. 	Teblodiy 2020
	Skills Insight website:		
	https://skillsinsight.com.au/project/attraction-and-retention-guidance/		

Employer Best Practice Guidance for Apprenticeships in Furnishings

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity will develop an Employer Best Practice Guidance publication to provide employers of furnishing apprentices with the resources to assist their apprentices to successfully complete their training

SKI ANN 2425 010

Employer Best Practice Guidance for Apprenticeships in Furnishings Furnishing is a manufacturing industry which is being supported by the Federal Government's Strategy to encourage onshore manufacturing. Much of the existing expertise will be offshore, and trainers, supervisors, mentors and other support for apprentices may need to come from migration sources. Regardless of source, they are likely to have very different learning backgrounds from the current and future generation of potential apprentices.

These issues apply broadly across all Skills Insight's industries. Furnishing is a suitable industry for a pilot, given the previous work undertaken by the industry and the current Federal and State strategies encouraging growth of the industry.

This is a pilot project based in furnishings, but potentially applicable to all other industries with suitable amendments. The initial pilot is being undertaken using selected Certificate III qualifications for the Furnishings industry within the MSF Training package.

Activity Plan:

- Development of best practice guidance
- An outline of best practice for supervision, mentoring and ancillary support, and information on cultural safety
- This will be made freely available to stakeholders and promoted through industry organisations and the Union.

Duration:
Routine — 12 months

Expected timeframe: 03 February 2025 - 27 February 2026

Community Based Aquaculture Training Tools

This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity is aimed at improving community participation in aquaculture, especially in remote and northern Australia, through the development of culturally appropriate training materials.

SKI ANN 2425 005

Community Based
Aquaculture Training
Tools

The Australian Government has clear policy directions emphasising the need for Food security for Australians, including seafood. Closing the Gap policies include aims to assist the growth of First nations Enterprises, including in aquaculture. This training needs to be culturally appropriate, and potentially community-led in partnership with industry.

During recent stakeholder engagement, a Northern Territory community raised the need for aquaculture training to support their development of a black-lip oyster enterprise. Charles Darwin University Aquaculture Registered Training Organisation (RTO) recognises the tropical black-lip oyster Industry for Indigenous Coastal Communities is currently at a grow-out stage of development and in need of training, but indicated they were constrained from delivering the training because they had no culturally appropriate training materials to support it and did not have current capacity to develop such materials.

Skills Insight then sought further input from across Australia from both First Nations enterprises establishing aquaculture operations, and potential RTOs that might deliver training. Several Communities across Northern Australia are actively pursuing the establishment of farms, as this industry is well suited to the dynamics of community life (i.e., operational flexibility), and good economic potential. These communities are now seeking vocational training for workers.

Skills Insight website: https://skillsinsight.com.au/project/community-based-aquaculture-training-tools/ **Activity Plan:**

Phase 1: community consultation across Australia with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils, community groups, businesses, industry groups, unions, corporations, registered training organisations and individuals.

Phase 2: partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, vocational education training organisations and universities in the development of culturally appropriate vocational training tools aligned to units of competencies within the seafood industry training package.

Duration:
Complex— 18 months

To allow sufficient time for appropriate engagement and co-design culturally appropriate vocational training tools.

Expected timeframe: 30 September 2024 - 30 April 2026

Workshop to aid the development of the Northern Australia Workforce Plan

	Title	Descriptor	Activity Plan	Expected timeframe
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This Implementation, Promotion and Monitoring activity is for funding to cover the delivery of a JSC Workforce Planning Workshop at the Developing Northern Australia Conference being held in Cairns on 23-24 July 2025, with the workshop to be held on 24 July 2025.

SKI ANN 2425 012

Workshop to aid the development of the Northern Australia Workforce Plan The Proposal is for delivery of a JSC Workforce Planning Workshop at the Developing Northern Australia Conference being held in Cairns on 23-24 July 2025, with the workshop to be a preconference day on 22 July.

The proposal is for the JSCs to use their expertise in Workforce Planning to assist the Office of Northern Australia and the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA) to deliver part of the recommended workforce plan through a workshop conducted at the conference.

The workshop will be supported jointly by all JSCs, with Skills Insight to undertake a coordination role.

Activity Plan:

Deliver workshop and deliver report.

Duration:

Short— 5 months

Expected timeframe: 07 April 2025 - 31 August 2025