

# Trade Pathways Program

## Construction Industries



The NSW Government is aiming to increase the number of qualified tradespeople in NSW to address labour and skills shortages. Shortages of qualified labour in the building and construction industries are creating increased pressure on the economy through higher costs and lower levels of productivity.

The Trade Pathways Program – Construction Industries Pilot will assist in the advancement of experienced, unqualified trades workers by assessing their skills and experience. This will be done through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Fee-free gap training to enable them the opportunity to gain a trade qualification.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible, a student must meet the following criteria:

- be an Australian or New Zealand Citizen, Humanitarian Visa holder or Australian Permanent Resident; and
- be over 21 years of age; and
- be resident of NSW or working in NSW; and
- have at least 2 years of work experience in the trade that they will be undertaking training in; and
- be currently working in the construction industry, or have worked in the industry within the last five years; and
- not be a current apprentice or trainee; or if a cancelled apprentice, cancellation must be greater than 6 months; and
- not be enrolled in any related Smart and Skilled subsidised training; and
- no longer be at school; and
- assessed as capable of a minimum three (3) UoCs as an RPL outcome.

### How to access funding

In order to apply for funding, DATS are required to submit a Training Needs Identification (TNI) application for approval by TSNSW. Applications require a Letter of Support/reference from the employer on a company letter head, to be signed and dated, outlining the following:

- Potential student's name/s, age and current employment status (unemployed / casual / full time etc.)
- Details of the nature of trade work and the duration of employment, procedures applied, and tools and equipment used which are consistent with the trade.
- Which course they are seeking to undertake (must reference the applicable qualification code and title, e.g. *R1130820 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations*)
- What the benefits are to the student, the employer and the industry by undertaking the training

This will also need to be accompanied by a copy of the applicants resume.

The applicant will need to contact DATS to discuss potential class dates in order to allocate a time frame for the funding to be applied.

**Please note:** It can take up to 21 days to receive a funding outcome. Approval is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of Training Services NSW. Please note that a representative from Training Services NSW may contact the applicant to discuss their training needs.

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