



PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM

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Looking for work? New training places are available to help you find a job

WHAT IS THE PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM?

- The Productivity Places Program is a great way to improve your skills so you can find employment.
- The Program provides new training places in skills employers want and is designed to help you secure employment.
- The Program is part of the Australian Government's *Skilling Australia for the Future* initiative.
- The training will be delivered by training organisations in your local area.
- You can gain a new qualification or upgrade an existing qualification. Initially only qualifications at the Certificate II or Certificate III levels will be offered. From 1 July 2008, higher level qualifications will be available.

WHAT TRAINING IS AVAILABLE?

- Training will only be available in industries experiencing skill shortages.
- The duration, timing and location of courses will depend on the qualification you choose. If you are registered with an employment service provider, you need to talk to your provider about what courses are on offer and the type of training most suitable for you.
- For a list of industries where training places will be available, go to www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au and click on the 'for people looking for training' link.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A TRAINING PLACE?

To be eligible for a training place, you need to be currently looking for work. You also need to be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia and be over the age of 15.

Some other eligibility criteria apply. These are available from your local training organisation, employment service provider or from the website www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au.

Please note, full-time students and people who are self employed are not eligible for the program.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

If you are looking for work, the Australian Government will fully fund training under the Program.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are registered with an employment service provider, such as Job Network or Disability Employment Network, you need to contact your provider to discuss your interest and obtain a referral to a training organisation.

If you are not registered with an employment service provider, you need to apply directly to a participating training organisation. To do this, you need to:

- visit www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au and click on the link 'for people looking for training';
- use the search function to choose a training provider from the list; and
- contact your chosen training organisation and discuss your interest in the program.

If you are interested in an Australian Apprenticeship under the program, you will need to contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre.

If you are a CDEP participant, you will need to get a referral letter from your CDEP manager or supervisor.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

Visit www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au

Call 13 38 73

Email productivityplaces@deewr.gov.au