

Smart and Skilled

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1. NEW SKILLS LIST UPDATED – VERSION 14.0

The NSW Skills List has been updated. This update covers changes as a result of:

- updates to Training Packages; and
- updates to Vocational Training Orders (VTOs).

Version 14.0 of the NSW Skills List is now available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/nsw-skills-list>

The Smart and Skilled Qualification Prices and Fees Schedule has also been updated to cover changes to the NSW Skills List and qualification price increases (detailed below) – version 14.0 is now available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/qualification-prices-fees>

Versions 14.0 of the NSW Skills List and Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule are effective as of and apply to training that commences on or after 1 July 2023.

a. Updates to the NSW Skills List

The NSW Skills List has been updated as a result of revisions to the following nine Training Packages:



- Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management
- Australian Meat Processing
- Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical
- Forest and Wood Products
- Health
- Manufacturing
- Electrotechnology
- Gas Industry
- Electricity Supply Industry - Generation Sector

i. Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List

Table 1 shows the superseding qualifications that are equivalent to their superseded version.

Please note that equivalent qualifications are updated automatically in your Approved Qualification Activity Schedules (AQAS) when the Training Package is updated if your organisation has the current code on Scope. They can be delivered under Smart and Skilled when this automatic update occurs.

Table 1

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
FBP20121	Certificate II in Food Processing	FBP20122	Certificate II in Food Processing
FWP20121	Certificate II in Forest Operations	FWP20122	Certificate II in Forest Operations
FWP30121	Certificate III in Forest Operations	FWP30122	Certificate III in Forest Operations
FWP30621	Certificate III in Timber Building Products Supply	FWP30622	Certificate III in Timber Building Products Supply
MSM31015	Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair	MSM31022	Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair
MSM31115	Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Manufacturing	MSM31122	Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Manufacturing

ii. Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List

Table 2 shows the superseding qualifications that are non-equivalent to their superseded version.

Table 2

Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
AHC20116	Certificate II in Agriculture	AHC20122	Certificate II in Agriculture
AHC20416	Certificate II in Horticulture	AHC20422	Certificate II in Horticulture
AHC30116	Certificate III in Agriculture	AHC30122	Certificate III in Agriculture
AHC30416	Certificate III in Pork Production	AHC30422	Certificate III in Pork Production
AHC30416	Certificate III in Pork Production	AHC30422	Certificate III in Pork Production
AHC30516	Certificate III in Poultry Production	AHC30522	Certificate III in Poultry Production
AHC30716	Certificate III in Horticulture	AHC30722	Certificate III in Horticulture
AHC31516	Certificate III in Indigenous Land Management	AHC31522	Certificate III in On Country Management
AHC32516	Certificate III in Aboriginal Sites Work	AHC32522	Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Sites Work
AHC32816	Certificate III in Rural Operations	AHC32822	Certificate III in Rural Operations
AHC33816	Certificate III in Permaculture	AHC33822	Certificate III in Permaculture
AHC40116	Certificate IV in Agriculture	AHC40122	Certificate IV in Agriculture
AHC40416	Certificate IV in Horticulture	AHC40422	Certificate IV in Horticulture
AHC41616	Certificate IV in Organic Farming	AHC40122	Certificate IV in Agriculture
AHC42116	Certificate IV in Permaculture	AHC42122	Certificate IV in Permaculture
AHC50116	Diploma of Agriculture	AHC50122	Diploma of Agriculture
AHC50416	Diploma of Horticulture	AHC50422	Diploma of Horticulture Management
AHC51816	Diploma of Organic Farming	AHC50122	Diploma of Agriculture

Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
AMP30316	Certificate III in Meat Processing (Meat Safety)	AMP30322	Certificate III in Meat Safety Inspection
AMP30616	Certificate III in Meat Processing (General)	AMP30622	Certificate III in Meat Processing
AMP40415	Certificate IV in Meat Processing (Quality Assurance)	AMP40222	Certificate IV in Meat Processing
AMP40516	Certificate IV in Meat Processing (Meat Safety)	AMP40522	Certificate IV in Meat Safety Inspection
FWP20316	Certificate II in Sawmilling and Processing	FWP20322	Certificate II in Timber and Wood Products Operations
FWP20516	Certificate II in Timber Manufactured Products	FWP20322	Certificate II in Timber and Wood Products Operations
FWP30316	Certificate III in Sawmilling and Processing	FWP30322	Certificate III in Timber and Wood Products Operations
HLT57915	Diploma of Anaesthetic Technology	HLT57921	Diploma of Anaesthetic Technology and Practice
UEE41220	Certificate IV in Electrical - Rail Signalling	UEE41223	Certificate IV in Rail Signalling
UEE41920	Certificate IV in Electrical - Renewable Energy	UEE43322	Certificate IV in Electrical - Renewable Energy

iii. Accredited courses on the NSW Skills List

Table 3 lists the accredited courses that replace an expired accredited course on the NSW Skills List.

Table 3

Replacement accredited course on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
22445VIC	Advanced Diploma of Cyber Security	22610VIC	Advanced Diploma of Cyber Security

iv. VTO changes affecting the NSW Skills List

Following updates to NSW VTOs, several superseding qualifications detailed in previous Smart and Skilled Updates can now be delivered via apprenticeship and traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled. These qualifications are shown in

Table 4 below.

Table 4

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates		
Qualification code	Qualification name	Available pathway
22603VIC	Certificate IV in Cyber Security	Traineeship
FBP20122	Certificate II in Food Processing	Traineeship
FWP20121	Certificate II in Forest Operations	Traineeship, School Based Traineeship
FWP20122	Certificate II in Forest Operations	Traineeship, School Based Traineeship
FWP30121	Certificate III in Forest Operations	Traineeship
FWP30122	Certificate III in Forest Operations	Traineeship
FWP31021	Certificate III in Saw Technology	Apprenticeship
FWP31121	Certificate III in Wood Machining	Apprenticeship
FWP40121	Certificate IV in Forest Operations	Traineeship
FWP50121	Diploma of Forest Operations	Traineeship
HLT30121	Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care	Traineeship
HLT42021	Certificate IV in Massage Therapy	Traineeship
HLT52021	Diploma of Remedial Massage	Traineeship
MSM31022	Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair	Traineeship
MSM31122	Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Manufacturing	Traineeship
UEG20122	Certificate II in Gas Supply Industry Operations	Traineeship
UEP30122	Certificate III in ESI Generation	Traineeship
UEP40622	Certificate IV in Wind Power Generation	Apprenticeship

v. Deleted qualification on the NSW Skills List

Table 5 lists the qualification that has been deleted from the NSW Skills List following Department review and stakeholder consultation, as notified in Smart and Skilled Update no.186 (17 October 2022).

Table 5

Qualification removed from the NSW Skills List	
Qualification code	Qualification title
CUA50920	Diploma of Photography and Digital Imaging

2. PRICE CHANGES FOR THE 2023-2024 SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT PERIOD

Training Services NSW regularly reviews and updates qualification prices and fees. Qualification price changes are being introduced and will take effect for training that commences on or after 1 July 2023.

Version 14.0 of the *Smart and Skilled Price and Fees Schedule* reflects these changes and can be accessed at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/vocational/funding/smart-skilled-fees>

All questions relating to qualification prices and student fees can be emailed to marketdesign.implementation@det.nsw.edu.au.

a. Indexation added to qualification prices for 2023-2024 but student fees will not be affected.

An increase (indexation) of 3.5 per cent has been applied to all qualification prices. The indexation increase will apply to enrolments that commence on or after 1 July 2023 (*Smart and Skilled Price and Fees Schedule* version 14.0).

Qualification price increases will be rounded to the nearest \$10 price point. Qualifications priced at \$4,000 or less will be increased by 3.5% and rounded up to the nearest \$10 price point.

Indexation adjustment will also apply to the pricing of part-qualifications.

b. Regular review of prices for superseding qualifications

Since the last review, eighty-nine superseding qualifications have been added to the NSW Skills List. These qualifications were reviewed on their merits under the IPART pricing methodology.

The Department has found that eighty-five qualifications require no change in price when priced on their own merits.

Price changes will apply to four qualifications. These price changes will take effect for enrolments that commence on or after 1 July 2023. Student fees for these qualifications will not change.

The price of three qualifications will increase (see **Table 6** below).

Table 6 - Price increases

Superseded qual code	Superseding qual code	Title	Current price	New price (Before application of 2023 indexation)	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
10629NAT	11052NAT	Diploma of Professional Dance Performance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	\$12,110	\$12,890	\$780	6%
22334VIC	22603VIC	Certificate IV in Cyber Security	\$8,250	\$9,280	\$1,030	12%
TLI30121	TLI30122	Certificate III in Mobile Crane Operations	\$7,730	\$12,890	\$5,160	67%

The price of one qualification will decrease (see **Table 7** below).

Table 7 - Price decreases

Superseded qual code	Superseding qual code	Title	Current price	New price (Before application of 2023 indexation)	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
UET40521	UET40522	Certificate IV in ESI - Substations	\$13,920	\$10,050	-\$3,870	-28%

c. Price corrections

Prices of eleven qualifications have been corrected due to a system error (see **Table 8** below). Before indexation is applied, nine qualifications will have price increases and two will have a small price decrease. With indexation, all eleven qualifications have a net price increase.

These price changes will take effect for enrolments that commence on or after 1 July 2023. Student fees for these qualifications will not change.

No existing students will be affected by these changes.

Table 8 - Qualification price corrections

Code	Title	Current price	Updated price (Before application of 2023 indexation)
AHC21621	Certificate II in Landscaping	\$4,990	\$4,900
AVI30519	Certificate III in Aviation (Rescue Crew Officer)	\$5,750	\$5,930
TAE50122	Diploma of Vocational Education and Training	\$6,315	\$6,440
CUA40420	Certificate IV in Live Production and Technical Services	\$8,670	\$8,760
22445VIC	Advanced Diploma of Cyber Security	\$9,860	\$9,790
MST31022	Certificate III in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles	\$10,565	\$10,830
MSF30322	Certificate III in Cabinet Making and Timber Technology	\$12,110	\$12,680
FBP40621	Certificate IV in Artisan Fermented Products	\$12,750	\$13,140
AVI50219	Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)	\$13,000	\$13,400
AVI50222	Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)	\$13,000	\$13,400
CPC32413	Certificate III in Plumbing	\$13,250	\$13,660

3. REMOVAL OF THE CAP ON NEEDS BASED LOADING

Providers are currently paid a maximum of one needs-based loading and one location-based loading per enrolment.

For commencements from 1 July 2023, all applicable needs-based loadings will be payable (i.e. all needs-based loadings that the student meets the eligibility criteria).

This change means providers will be better resourced to provide additional supports, especially for students experiencing multiple forms of disadvantage. Students that receive additional supports are more likely to successfully complete their training.

The 'Disadvantaged Students' section of the 2023-24 Operating Guidelines will be updated with additional guidance regarding the provision of additional supports and how this relates to loading payments.

Providers should refer to the Smart and Skilled Contract and Operating Guidelines for 2023-24 for full details about loadings.

These changes were announced by Minister Crakanthorp on 16 May 2023

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/training-funding-boost-to-help-disadvantaged-students>.

4. NSW SKILLS LIST ADDITIONS APPLICATION CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

The closing date of the application has been extended to 5:00pm Wednesday 7 June 2023.

The NSW Skills List Additions Application is an opportunity for external stakeholders to propose qualifications to be added to the NSW Skills List for delivery under Smart and Skilled.

Applications should be submitted via the online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/yJvNvGeCr3>

Before completing an application, stakeholders should check whether the requested qualification is already on the [NSW Skills List or the Pre-qualified List](#).

For further information, please see the [Skills List Management Policy v3.1](#).

Any questions about the NSW Skills List can be directed to:

MarketDesign.Implementation@det.nsw.edu.au.

5. 2023-24 SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT OFFERS

The Department has now issued Smart and Skilled Contract Offers and Review Notices for the 2023-24 Activity Period associated with the Smart and Skilled provider application held in late 2022. Most providers received an email notification directing them to their Contract Offer/Review Notice.

Alternatively, some providers will receive a Contract Offer/Review Notice via email from the Smart and Skilled Application email account.

Providers must accept or decline as instructed **by the date shown on their Contract Offer/Review Notice**.

6. CHANGES TO SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, OPERATING GUIDELINES AND RELATED POLICIES FOR THE 2023-24 ACTIVITY PERIOD

There are several changes to the *Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions*, *Smart and Skilled Operating Guidelines* and some related policies for the 2023-24 Activity Period.

a. Review of Smart and Skilled Policies 2023-2024

Training Services NSW has reviewed the policy documents that will apply for the 2023-24 Activity Period. Some settings are coming to an end on 30 June 2023 and Training Services NSW is reducing the number of standalone policy documents.

Updated versions of the following policy documents have been released:

- Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy (version 3.0)
- School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) Fee Administration Policy (version 3.0)
- Smart and Skilled Student Eligibility Policy (version 2.0)
- School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) Student Eligibility Policy (version 2.0)
- Smart and Skilled Skills Delivery and Management Policy (previously the Smart and Skilled Market Management Policy (Part A))
- Smart and Skilled Provider Access Policy (previously the Smart and Skilled Market Management Policy (Part B))
- Smart and Skilled Third-Party Brokering Arrangement Policy.

The updated policies are now available on the Smart and Skilled website and or STS Online.

These policies take effect from the date that a provider accepts a Smart and Skilled contract offer for 2023-24.

i. Summary of changes to the *School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) Fee Administration Policy (version 3.0)* and *School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) Student Eligibility Policy (version 2.0)*.

These policies have been reviewed and updated to ensure language throughout is aligned to the respective Smart and Skilled policies, including the clarifications to evidence requirements.

b. New Policies

The *Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications Policy* has been developed for 2023-2024 and is available on the Smart and Skilled website. Associated Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications Operating Guidelines are also available on STS Online.

c. Policy settings coming to an end on 30 June 2023.

Skilling for Recovery and the North Coast Recovery Fund Fee Waivers will end on 30 June 2023.

Note: Sections of the *Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy* version 2.8 will remain in effect until 30 June 2023 so far as it is necessary to enable commencements under Skilling for Recovery and the North Coast Recovery Fund Fee Waivers.

i. Retiring standalone policy documents - Skilling for Recovery Policy and Fee Free Apprenticeships and Fee Free Traineeships Policies

The Skilling for Recovery Policy will be retired as commencements under the program end on 30 June 2023.

The Fee Free Apprenticeships and Fee Free Traineeships Policies will also be retired on 30 June 2023 as these duplicate information in the Fee Administration Policy.

7. 2023-2024 FINANCIAL CAPS

The process of setting Financial Caps is underpinned by the *Smart and Skilled Skills Delivery and Management Policy* (formerly the Market Management Policy Part A). The policy outlines the provider's responsibilities and the Department's approach to managing the supply of subsidised training and Financial Caps for the 2023-24 Activity Period.

The pandemic saw a higher degree of uncertainty about training demand and provider cap performance. The Department took a more flexible approach to training sector management and utilisation of Financial Caps during this time. As the economy and training sector has stabilised following the pandemic, student participation and the ability to participate in training has normalised. The Department has set a new allocation and will be returning to a regular approach (pre-pandemic) to monitoring Financial Cap utilisation and managing the overall allocation of Financial Caps.

For support with issues such as system/information access and functionality, reporting, and other technical matters, please contact Training Services NSW - Customer Service & Operations at TSNSWCust.Service@det.nsw.edu.au. Unless otherwise indicated, please refer enquiries regarding

specific operational matters such as Financial Caps, and programs/initiatives such as Skilling for Recovery to your Strategic Relationship Manager, as advised in the relevant Smart and Skilled Update.

Please note that this update is for the information of approved Smart and Skilled Providers only. If Providers require further information for students or employers, please contact Training Market Customer Support, as above, unless otherwise instructed.