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## 1. SUMMER SKILLS PROGRAM – EXTENSION OF ENROLMENT PERIOD FOR 2021

The Summer Skills program is an initiative of NSW JobTrainer which provides NSW school leavers with fee-free skills training over the 2020/21 summer period, enabling them to learn new skills quickly through practical, bite-sized courses covering a range of industries. The program is open to the 2020 Year 12 school leaver cohort as well as Year 12 completers who concluded a gap year/s in 2020 and are looking for their next training opportunity or career move.

As 2020 Year 12 school leavers have now received their NSW HSC results and are making study and training plans for 2021, extending the availability of the Summer Skills program provides additional support as they make the transition from school to work during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Providers who wish to participate are required to submit a Training Needs Identification (TNI) application for approval by Training Services NSW, who will issue a Provider Activity Schedule (PAS) upon approval. Participants can be enrolled in the related approved part qualification training (as per the PAS) **up until 28 February 2021**.

Those providers who are already participating can extend the enrolment period for approved part qualification training **up until 28 February 2021** by contacting their Training Services NSW Strategic Relationship Manager.

It is expected that most courses under the Summer Skills program will complete by end April 2021.

## 2. 2021 WEBINAR SERIES FOR SMART AND SKILLED PROVIDERS

The first in the series of 2021 Training Services NSW webinars for Smart and Skilled Providers is scheduled for **10:00am – 11:00am (AEDT), Thursday 11 February 2021**.

Further webinars are currently scheduled every two months thereafter:

- 10:00am – 11:00am, Thursday, 8 April 2021
- 10:00am – 11:00am, Thursday, 10 June 2021

- 10:00am – 11:00am, Thursday, 12 August 2021
- 10:00am – 11:00am, Thursday, 14 October 2021
- 10:00am – 11:00am, Thursday, 9 December 2021

Date/times will be confirmed and topics advised closer to the actual time.

**a. First webinar for 2021: 10am Thursday 11 February 2021 – Registration required**

Please join us for this webinar which will cover various aspects of the Skilling for Recovery/NSW JobTrainer initiative for 2021, including feedback received from the recently closed provider survey.

To attend the webinar, **please register [here](#) by 6:00pm, Thursday 4 February 2021.**

A link to the event will be sent to your email address (as per your registration details) prior to the event. You can save this information to your online calendar and join the live broadcast by clicking on the URL supplied in the email.

There is an opportunity to include any questions you may have which were not raised in your survey response. (Operational issues should be directed to your Strategic Relationship Manager or the Training Market Customer Support team at [training.market@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:training.market@det.nsw.edu.au) as appropriate.)

**Please note:** A recording of the webinar will be made available for those unable to attend. We will advise of the availability of this recording subsequent to the webinar date.

### **3. AMENDMENTS TO NSW APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP PROFORMAS**

**a. Amended Training Plan Proposal proforma**

The NSW Apprenticeship/Traineeship Training Plan Proposal proforma has been amended to include a new tick box against Gender for “Not specified” and is available at:

[https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/forms\\_documents/apprenticeships\\_traineeships/training\\_plan\\_proposal.pdf](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/forms_documents/apprenticeships_traineeships/training_plan_proposal.pdf)

**b. Employer Endorsement addendum to Training Plan proforma now available separately**

The Employer Endorsement of Competency addendum (new Part 5 of the Training Plan) is now available to download as a separate one page document at:

[https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/forms\\_documents/apprenticeships\\_traineeships/employer\\_endorsement\\_addendum.pdf](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/forms_documents/apprenticeships_traineeships/employer_endorsement_addendum.pdf)

As advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 121 (7 December 2020), employers are required to complete this section for ALL completions with an effective date of 1 March 2021 or later before an RTO is able to issue a qualification.

For support with issues such as system/information access and functionality, reporting, and other technical matters, please contact Training Market Customer Support at [Training.Market@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Training.Market@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.*