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1. SKILLING FOR RECOVERY: FULL QUALIFICATIONS FUNDING FOR THE EXTENDED PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

A previous Smart and Skilled Update advised that the NSW JobTrainer program (i.e. Skilling for Recovery) will continue until 31 December 2022 and that the Department is currently finalising its approach to the roll out of additional funding.

a. Fee free qualifications under Skilling for Recovery extension

i. Expanded eligibility

The Department has expanded eligibility for Skilling for Recovery as outlined in previous Smart and Skilled Update.

The program will continue supporting people who meet the Smart and Skilled eligibility criteria and who are:

- aged 16-24 years (including school leavers)
- unemployed (including welfare recipients)
- at risk of losing their job
- veterans and their partners.

Eligibility is being extended for all students undertaking designated qualifications associated with the following priority industries:

- aged care
- digital skills
- childcare, and
- disability care.

This means that employed people (existing workers) will also be able to access fee-free training in specific full and part qualifications in each of the four industries listed above.

Note: to be eligible, existing worker students do not need to be employed in one of these industries.

ii. Skilling for Recovery full qualifications list

The list of the full qualifications for the Skilling for Recovery extension is included as an attachment to this update and qualifications in the four industries with expanded eligibility (i.e. Aged Care qualifications, Digital Skills qualifications, Childcare qualifications and Disability Care qualifications) are flagged in the attachment.

These qualifications are eligible for fee free training **from 1 December 2021** under existing Smart and Skilled financial caps.

The list also denotes the qualifications which are “Original Qualifications” (available for enrolments to 31 December 2021) and those which are “Extension Qualifications” (available for enrolments from 1 December 2021 – 31 December 2022).

iii. Further information

The original full qualification list for Skilling for Recovery will end on **31 December 2021**.

Those courses removed from the list will not be eligible for fee-free training under Skilling for Recovery where enrolments occur **on or after 1 January 2022**.

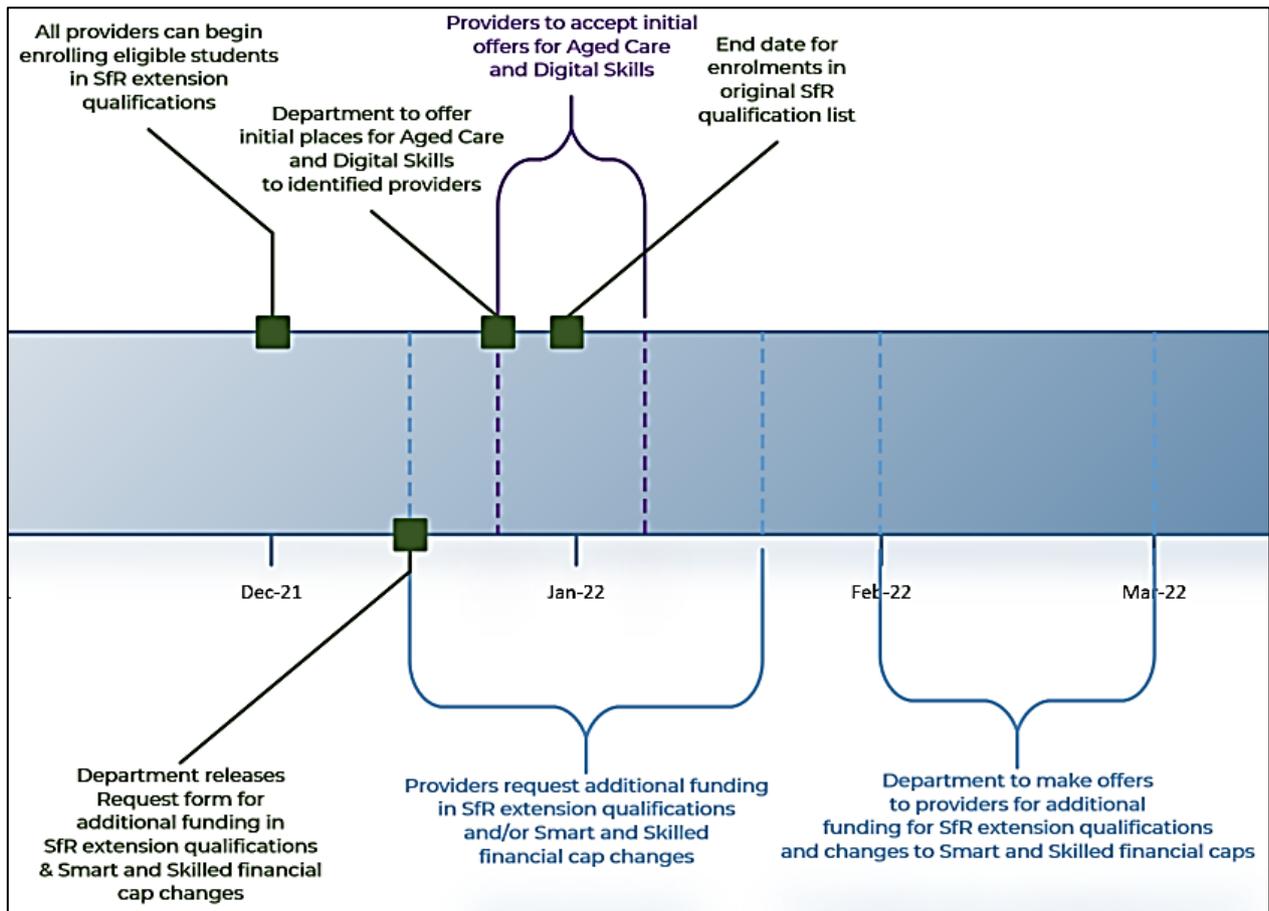
The NSW Skills List will be updated accordingly to reflect this transition.

The *Smart and Skilled Policy for the Skilling for Recovery Initiative* and *Smart and Skilled - Skilling for Recovery Training Initiative - Full Qualifications Enrolments Process - Provider Fact Sheet* documents will be also updated in the coming weeks to reflect the changes described in this Smart and Skilled Update.

b. Allocation of places for Aged Care and Digital Skills

Under the JobTrainer agreement, NSW must increase commencements to meet targets for Aged Care and Digital Skills. The funding for training in these areas will be for additional places and providers must continue to deliver, at a minimum, a specified level of activity under existing Smart and Skilled programs.

The allocation process for the Skilling for Recovery extension will have two stages, outlined in the indicative timeline below:



i. Additional places

The Department will make an initial offer of places to identified providers who have sufficient prior activity in Aged Care and/or Digital Skills to support additional places in these qualifications for the remainder of this Activity Period.

This initial allocation will be released by the end of 2021. Identified providers will receive an offer for a financial cap under a new program called the ***Skilling for Recovery Priority Qualifications Program***.

Providers receiving this type of offer are expected to deliver additional places on top of historical levels of activity in Aged Care and Digital Skills. Conditions will be placed on the new financial caps specifying that providers must continue to deliver a level of commencements based on historical activity in the Smart and Skilled programs.

There will also be an open process for all providers to request funding to deliver further Aged Care and Digital Skills training, as outlined in **section c** below. If a provider does not receive an initial allocation, it does not mean that places will not be subsequently allocated to the provider through this request process.

As always, it is important to note that all decisions regarding funding allocations and financial caps remain at the Department's absolute discretion.

c. Request process for additional funding in Skilling for Recovery full qualifications for the extended period and Smart and Skilled financial cap changes

Providers will be invited to request additional places in Skilling for Recovery full qualifications for the period to 31 December 2022 (“Extension Qualifications”) alongside a general 2021-22 Smart and Skilled financial cap review. The process will be similar to that for the original roll out of Skilling for Recovery.

The Department will provide a Request form in the next two weeks, with providers to return forms by mid-January 2021.

The Department will assess the requests and make offers to providers for additional funding for Skilling for Recovery Extension Qualifications in February 2022.

d. Smart and Skilled Provider Webinar – Thursday 9 December

The Department held a webinar for Smart and Skilled providers at **10.00am – 11.00am (AEDT), Thursday, 9 December 2021**. The link to the recording is available for viewing [here](#).

Additional information on the full qualification allocation processes for the Skilling for Recovery extension was provided at this webinar.

2. SKILLING FOR RECOVERY: PART QUALIFICATIONS FUNDING FOR THE EXTENDED JOBTAINER PERIOD

Information on the approach for Skilling for Recovery part qualifications will be provided in a future Smart and Skilled Update, which the Department expects to issue in the coming weeks.

3. UPDATED RETURN TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) GUIDELINES

The Department has updated the *Return to Vocational Education and Training (VET) Guidelines* to incorporate announced changes once 95% double vaccination rates are met in NSW.

Version 1.3 of the Guidelines, which includes recommendations on the return settings for the VET sector for Phase Four (from 15 December 2021 or when NSW reaches 95% double vaccination) is attached to this update and will also be available at education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/training-services-nsw/return-to-vocational-education-and-training-guidelines.

Please note that up until 15 December 2021, providers will need to have an updated [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) that outlines how they will ensure the safety of students and staff at their premises. From 15 December 2021, COVID-19 safety plans will become optional.

Further advice and guidance on COVID-19 for apprentices and trainees, employers, SBAT's and Registered Training Organisations can be found at education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/training-services-nsw.

4. UPDATES TO SKILLING FOR RECOVERY POLICY AND FACT SHEETS

The *Smart and Skilled Policy for the Skilling for Recovery Initiative* has been updated to version 2.0 to cover a number of changes, including those outlined in this update, following the extension of Skilling for Recovery until 31 December 2022.

Summary of main changes to the *Smart and Skilled Policy for the Skilling for Recovery Initiative (Version 2.0)*

- i. Extension of training delivery timeframes, as outlined in Smart and Skilled Update No. 152 (23 November 2021).
- ii. Extended student eligibility categories, as outlined in Smart and Skilled Update No. 152 (23 November 2021). This covers students undertaking the priority full and part qualifications in the lists attached to this update.
- iii. The removal of the employed person who is 'expected to become unemployed' student eligibility category for students undertaking construction related part qualifications. Students undertaking construction-related part qualifications may now be covered under Skilling for Recovery if they are an existing worker in the construction industry.
- iv. The introduction of a new Smart and Skilled full qualification program that will be available for SfR funding as outlined above. The **Skilling for Recovery Priority Qualifications Program** will be introduced to cover full qualification training in priority areas, such as Aged Care and Digital Skills.
- v. An additional clause regarding the promotion of SfR funded training under the JobTrainer banner.

5. EXPANDED STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT (TAE) QUALIFICATIONS

The NSW and Commonwealth governments recently agreed to expand student eligibility for Training and Assessment (TAE) qualifications. This extension has now been applied to people seeking to undertake TAE full or part qualifications, meaning that employed people will be able to access fee-free TAE training regardless of the industry they work in.

This is in addition to the expanded eligibility advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 152 (23 November 2021) for the following priority industries:

- Aged Care
- childcare
- disability care, and
- Digital Skills.

Priority TAE full qualifications are indicated on the updated list of full qualifications for the Skilling for Recovery extension and the priority part qualifications list for SfR Redeployment and Youth attached to this update. (Please refer to the end of the update for a summary of attachments).

Please note that Providers cannot access funding for TAE to train/upskill their own staff. The *Smart and Skilled Policy for the delivery of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116)* (at training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/contract_policy_2022.html) still applies.

SKILLING FOR RECOVERY EXTENSION – FULL QUALIFICATIONS

6. UPDATED FULL QUALIFICATIONS LIST

An updated list of full qualifications for the Skilling for Recovery extension is attached and incorporates superseded and superseding qualifications which are on the NSW Skills List. The

updated list also flags the Training and Assessment (TAE) training package qualifications covered by the expanded eligibility criteria advised in this update.

7. ADDITIONAL SKILLING FOR RECOVERY FUNDING FOR AGED CARE AND DIGITAL SKILLS

a. Financial Cap offers to increase commencements in Aged Care and Digital Skills qualifications

Smart and Skilled Update No. 155 (6 December 2021) set out the Department's plan to make offers of additional Financial Cap to increase commencements in Aged Care and Digital Skills qualifications around mid-December 2021.

i. Methodology and approach

An allocation process has been undertaken for Providers with a good track record of student commencements in relevant qualifications. This process considered commencements in 2020 and 2021 and Provider performance classifications.

Providers whose Smart and Skilled Contract is suspended, and those with a current, unresolved Event(s) of Default or quality assurance matter(s) requiring remediation are not included in this process.

The additional Financial Cap that will be offered to identified Providers is intended to increase the number of enrolments in Aged Care and Digital Skills full qualifications above the NSW baseline of more than 21,000 Aged Care and more than 5,300 Digital Skills full and part qualification enrolments.

The allocations cover a minimum of 12 commencements per Provider and rely on the following calculations/assumptions:

- the weighted-average subsidy cost per enrolment based on past activity for the Provider;
- payment of 60 per cent (%) of the subsidy will be achieved in the current Activity Period; and
- 15 per cent (%) attrition.

One exception is for providers of the ICT20120 Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies, where the qualification is usually delivered within six (6) months and where 100 per cent (%) payment is assumed within the current Activity Period, less attrition.

ii. Details and conditions of the allocation offer

The allocation offer to the selected Providers will be made as part of an offer for a new program, the **Skilling for Recovery Priority Qualifications Program**, which is for additional places in Aged Care and Digital Skills only at this stage.

iii. Opportunity to request places in Aged Care and Digital Skills through the Financial Cap Review

Providers with the relevant Aged Care or Digital Skills qualifications on their scope of registration will also be able to apply for additional Financial Cap to deliver extra commencements through the Financial Cap Review process outlined later in this update.

This opportunity will be available regardless of whether the Provider received an initial allocation offer for the **Skilling for Recovery Priority Qualifications Program**.

FINANCIAL CAP REVIEW

8. FINANCIAL CAP REVIEW: SKILLING FOR RECOVERY EXTENSION AND SMART AND SKILLED

Providers will be invited to participate in a Financial Cap Review process for the 2021-22 Activity Period, with **emails to Providers to follow shortly as outlined below**. Skilling for Recovery is the main focus of this review, which will include a limited opportunity for additional Smart and Skilled Financial Cap.

Approved qualifications associated with new Financial Caps for Skilling for Recovery

If a Provider receives an allocation for a new Financial Cap for Skilling for Recovery, the Department will offer the qualifications from their scope of registration that match the relevant list of Skilling for Recovery qualifications:

- Skilling for Recovery Priority Qualifications Program – Aged Care
- Skilling for Recovery Priority Qualifications Program – Digital Skills
- New Financial Caps – for Skilling for Recovery Commencements

SKILLING FOR RECOVERY EXTENSION – PART QUALIFICATIONS

9. SKILLING FOR RECOVERY TRAINING NEEDS IDENTIFICATION (TNI) APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

Following the pause to Training Needs Identification (TNI) applications advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 153 (26 November 2021), the Department will begin accepting TNI applications for Skilling for Recovery (SfR) part qualifications **from today**, as outlined below.

10. SKILLING FOR RECOVERY – CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATES

a. Expanded student eligibility for existing workers in construction

The NSW and the Commonwealth governments recently agreed to expand student eligibility to include upskilling existing workers in the construction industry to create entry level employment positions.

This strategic approach will be managed and co-ordinated by the Department's Infrastructure Skills and Diversity Unit, assisting the infrastructure sector to meet their skills needs for four target priorities:

- [NSW Government and Infrastructure Skills Legacy projects](#)
- Commonwealth Government projects
- Local Government Infrastructure projects
- Regional and Metropolitan projects.

Smart and Skilled Providers who wish to participate in upskilling existing workers need to engage with Tier 1 contractors on the above targeted priorities.

The category for existing workers who are ‘expected to become unemployed’ for SfR Construction will therefore no longer apply from 1 January 2022. Please refer to student eligibility in the *Smart and Skilled Policy for the Skilling for Recovery Initiative* (Version 2.0).

b. Smart and Skilled school student waiver for delivery of CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry expires 31 December 2021

The waiver for delivery of the unit of competency CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry will expire on 31 December 2021. Delivery of this unit of competency to school students will therefore no longer be funded under SfR Construction from 1 January 2022.

Providers who currently have a PAS for this training must commence and complete delivery of this unit of competency **prior to the waiver expiry date of 31 December 2021**.

c. Training places cap for Skilling for Recovery (SfR) Construction training that has mandated SafeWork NSW requirements

TNIs for SfR Construction training that has mandated SafeWork NSW requirements will have additional limits on student places beyond the general cap of 30 student places (see relevant advice later in this update) as per the table below:

Training	Mode	Maximum Learners
Traffic Control	Face to face	20
	Connected Real Time	10
General Construction Induction	Face to face	20
Asbestos Removal (class B non-friable asbestos)	Face to face only	12

11. PART QUALIFICATIONS FUNDING APPROACH FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EXTENDED FUNDING PERIOD

Some changes have been made to the funding of SfR part qualifications, as summarised below. These changes will apply to all TNIs and PASs processed going forward for the remaining Skilling for Recovery funding period (i.e. up until 31 December 2022).

a. SfR part qualifications which contain only one unit of competency (UoC) will be funded by exception only

This change is to ensure that funded training leads to more sustainable employment outcomes and to better align policy regarding training of “existing workers” across the Skilling for Recovery and Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Pre-vocational and Part Qualifications (TPPPQ) programs.

Please note that submission of a TNI is not a guarantee of funding and decisions regarding the approval of TNIs remain at the Department’s absolute discretion.

b. Changes to the prices of select part qualifications funded by exception

Where any of the part qualifications listed by UoC in the table below **are** funded by exception, new prices will apply as shown. The new prices are more aligned to fee for service rates and **will take effect from 20 January 2022**.

UoC Code	UoC Name	SG Code	SG Name	Current Price	New Price
CHCPRT001	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk	SG00001100	Statement of Attainment in Identify and Respond to Children and Young People at Risk	\$640	\$275
CPCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry	SG00007014	Statement of Attainment in Construction Entry Level (White Card)	\$520	\$245
HLTAID003	Provide first aid	SG00006759	Statement of Attainment in Provide First Aid	\$600	\$180
HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation	UETSS00040	Perform CPR	\$510	\$110
SITHFAB002	Provide responsible service of alcohol	SITSS00055	Responsible Service of Alcohol	\$570	\$240
SITHGAM001	Provide responsible gambling services	SG00007598	Statement of Attainment in Hospitality (Responsible Gambling Service)	\$540	\$215
SITHFAB002 & SITHGAM001	Provide responsible service of alcohol & Provide responsible gambling services	SG00006795	Statement of Attainment in Hospitality (Gambling and RSA)	\$620	\$385

Note:

The new prices in the table above **will take effect from 20 January 2022** and will apply across both Skilling for Recovery and Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications (TPPPQ) programs.

As explained above, these part qualifications will be considered for funding **by exception only** and the Department will not accept or consider TNIs or issuing PASs under SfR or TPPPQ for part qualifications that contain only these units until the effective date for the new prices.

c. General training places cap of 30 students

TNIs will be subject to a cap of **30 student places**. This cap has been applied based on an assessment of Provider performance under Skilling for Recovery to date and to ensure that all Providers have better opportunities to receive funding.

Exceptions may apply, as for Skilling for Recovery Construction training that has mandated SafeWork NSW requirements.

d. Skilling for Recovery Priority Part Qualifications – Aged Care and Digital Skills “Intent to Deliver”

In conjunction with the existing TNI process, the Department will be inviting Providers to submit an “Intent to Deliver” for Aged Care and Digital Skills part qualifications in 2022, with successful Providers receiving a PAS(s) for additional Aged Care and/or Digital Skills training under Skilling for Recovery. More information on this invitation is expected to be provided in late January 2022.

12. CHANGES TO THE SKILLING FOR RECOVERY PRIORITY PART QUALIFICATIONS LIST(S)

The Skilling for Recovery Priority Part Qualifications List has been updated to version 6.0, which now consists of three (3) separate lists, as described below. The lists are available on the [Training Services NSW website](#).

Changes to Version 6.0 include:

a. Separate lists for Skilling for Recovery Redeployment and Youth and Skilling for Recovery Construction programs

The SfR Redeployment and Youth (SfR-R&Y) and SfR Construction (SfR-C) programs now have separate priority part qualifications lists. The SfR-R&Y program has one list, while the SfR-C program has two (2).

The two SfR-C lists specify the part qualifications that can be delivered to existing workers in the construction industry and those that can be delivered to youth and jobseekers.

Please note that it is possible for a part qualification to appear on all three lists.

b. Extra information added to the lists

To improve their utility, the lists now include the following features:

- part qualification mapping to an industry(ies)
- (for the R&Y list) flagging of Aged Care, Digital Skills, Disability Care and Childcare part qualifications as well as Training and Assessment (TAE) part qualifications where extended eligibility applies
- flagging of part qualifications that will only be considered for funding by exception.

Please note that Providers can continue to select alternate industries when completing a TNI.

c. Removal of part qualifications on each list

To simplify the list of part qualifications available under Skilling for Recovery, the Department will be undertaking a continual process of review and removal from the priority part qualifications list(s).

Initial removals from version 6.0 of the list(s) are as follows:

- **SfR-R&Y:** part qualifications that have had no enrolments under Skilling for Recovery **and** have a similar part qualification remaining on the list.

- **SfR-C:** part qualifications that are not suitable for job seekers/youth. This includes a number of high-risk work licence units of competency that are not entry-level skills and part qualifications with more than one plant operator unit of competency.

Part qualifications delivered under SfR Construction must lead to employment in the construction industry for all learners.

d. Changes to part qualification names

The names of some Skills Group part qualifications have been changed on each list to ensure the name better explains the part qualification content, however the Skill Group code for these part qualifications remains the same. A separate list of these changes is attached for your reference to this update.

e. Addition of “new” part qualifications to the list – funding by exception

Providers should only submit TNIs for those part qualifications included on version 6.0 of the Skilling for Recovery Priority Part Qualifications lists.

Where a Provider is seeking to deliver a part qualification that is not on the list, they will need to provide strong justification in the TNI as to why the part qualification should be added to the list.

Please note that submission of a TNI is not a guarantee of funding and decisions regarding the approval of TNIs remain at the Department’s absolute discretion. Where the Department decides to fund a part qualification not already on the list, the Department will not approve funding until the part qualification has been approved and added to list.

WEBINARS AND PROMOTION

13. PROVIDER WEBINARS ON SKILLING FOR RECOVERY EXTENSION AND FINANCIAL CAP REVIEW

The Department held webinars for Providers on **Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 January 2022** to answer operational questions about Skilling for Recovery full qualifications and part qualifications arrangements and funding opportunities. A recording of the webinar session held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 is available [here](#).

a. Webinar Q&As

Answers to provider questions from the two webinars are below:

Question	Answer
Financial Caps	
With TAE40116 under Skilling for Recovery can we provide this training to existing workers outside the four priority areas (Aged Care, Childcare, Construction and Digital Services)?	There are three TAE qualifications that have expanded eligibility under Skilling for Recovery. All students regardless of the sector they are employed in are eligible for fee free training, subject to the Smart and Skilled TAE policy which still applies.

Question	Answer
If we have a TNI that has been approved, does the training we deliver use our current Financial Cap?	Financial caps don't apply to part qualification TNIs. If you have a PAS for a part qualification that is still active you can continue to enrol students up to the number of training places on the PAS.
Is there a maximum cap for Skilling for Recovery Aged Care funding for each region?	There is no limit on the amount of Financial Cap a provider can request to deliver Aged Care qualifications under Skilling for Recovery. There is no cap for part qualifications for Aged Care. However, head office will be working with the regions to monitor activity. Training funded must be for Aged Care part qualification on the approved list.
Do we use the Financial Cap Review form to return some of our cap? We will not be able to utilise it all due to COVID.	The Financial Cap Review form is only for requesting an increase in Financial Cap or a new Financial Cap. To Return excess Financial Cap (or to Transfer Financial Cap), please use the AQAS Adjustment Form in STS Online (go to Supporting Documents page under Smart and Skilled Provider Contract Management).
Can participants who have previously accessed part qualification funding under Skilling for Recovery or Skill Up from Home access Skilling for Recovery for full qualifications if they still meet the eligibility criteria?	Part qualifications can be a pathway into full qualifications. Students are eligible to move between the two and we would expect to see credit transfers if training is in a similar field.
Refer to Smart and Skilled Update No. 156. What does 'Providers are to make all reasonable efforts to commence a number of students under the Smart and Skilled Programs (the baseline between 1 Jan and 30 June 2022)' mean (see page 4)?	Providers who received an initial allocation have a track record of delivering Aged Care or Digital Skills qualifications under Smart and Skilled. These providers are expected to practically maintain the arrangements that have historically produced enrolments. The additional funding for Skilling for Recovery is intended to further expand on those existing arrangements and/or providers should look at building new pathways to increase enrolments.
We have already been offered a funding cap under the Skilling for Recovery Aged Care program. When we complete the form for additional funding do we request a new cap or a variation to existing?	In the Aged Care section you are asked if you received an initial offer. If you have accepted or intend to accept the initial offer, you should factor this into your request and only request any extra funding that your organisation is seeking.

Question	Answer
<p>We are new to Smart and Skilled and Skilling for Recovery programs. We have had fee-paying domestic students enrolling in recent times and are part way through their courses. If we are approved for Skilling for Recovery cap, what is the best way to transfer those domestic, fee-paying students, into a subsidised program.</p>	<p>Please refer to the Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions, Section 7 (k): <i>Providers must not induce or encourage a person who is undertaking a Qualification to transfer their enrolment or re-enrol in the same qualification to access Subsidised Training.</i></p>
<p>Is there funding for existing workers in full/part quals under Skilling for Recovery for Cert III Individual Support? Or is this only for construction?</p>	<p>Anyone regardless of whether they are employed or not is eligible to undertake Skilling for Recovery fee free training in full qualifications and part qualifications in Disability Care, Child Care, Aged Care (as well as Digital Skills and Training and Assessment qualifications).</p> <p>An employed person wanting to do training in these sectors can be currently working in any industry. They do not have to be an existing worker in the above sectors.</p> <p>The relevant full qualifications are tagged on the NSW Skills List (v12.3) – check the approved part qualification list as to what part qualifications are available for funding in these sectors.</p>
Skilling for Recovery Part Qualifications - Youth & Redeployment + Construction	
<p>Is there a cap on part qualifications for Aged Care under Skilling for Recovery?</p>	<p>The training places cap still applies to Aged Care and Digital Skills. If you want to submit a TNI for more than 30 places you will need to provide additional information listed in the Redeployment & Youth and Construction Fact Sheets.</p>
<p>What supporting evidence is required for part quals funded by exception?</p>	<p>This information is listed in detail on the Redeployment & Youth and Construction Fact Sheets, which were issued in December 2021.</p>
<p>What happens to the previous TNIs that we submitted for White Card?</p>	<p>If they were for school students, and not delivered prior to 31 December 2021 the TNI/PAS should be withdrawn. Please contact your TSNSW regional office to discuss other TNIs submitted for White Card stand alone.</p>
<p>Do you have an estimation when the new TLI units (i.e. TLILIC0023 etc) will be added to the Part Qualification Skills List (Construction)?</p>	<p>Once the units are expired we will automatically add the updated units from our end to ensure they are available to industry. The priority part qualifications list will then be uploaded to the Training Services NSW website.</p>

Question	Answer
Will there be any TLI skill sets added to the skills list?	Not at this stage, unless it is added at the request of industry and approved by exception
Are TAE TNIs also subject to the Smart and Skilled TAE policy?	Yes, the Smart and Skilled TAE policy still applies.
What evidence is required to support student eligibility under the Skilling for Recovery waiver for people undertaking Aged Care/Child Care/Disability Care/Digital Skills or TAE qualifications?	As long as the student meets the Smart and Skilled criteria, there is no other evidence required. All students are eligible regardless of whether they are employed or not. You still need to enrol them under a waiver so they can access the fee free training.
How would you differentiate your calculations for Skilling for Recovery caps and Smart and Skilled caps? We have rationale for commencements and continuing for TAE40116 for both caps	<p>With expanded TAE eligibility under Skilling for Recovery all students are eligible for Skilling for Recovery.</p> <p>Providers can use their existing Smart and Skilled Financial Caps for TAE commencements (who are SfR eligible).</p> <p>If additional Financial Cap is being requested for TAE qualifications on the Skilling for Recovery list, providers should apply under Skilling for Recovery.</p>
We have TNIs submitted that are still sitting with a submitted status - when will they be approved? We have jobseekers on a waitlist.	If TNIs were submitted during the shutdown period they may need to be resubmitted as there is a backlog of TNIs. Reach out to your regional office to confirm the best approach with them.
When you refer to Aged Care as a priority for part quals - does it include disability/community service units?	A list of priority Aged Care part qualifications are tagged in the approved list of part qualifications that was released to providers late last year.
You mentioned that we need to fulfil a TNI for a part qual before applying for another. But students don't want training at the same time and the lead time for setting up does not mean we can fit them in an existing TNI with set dates. Do we have to wait for expiry of a TNI before we can apply for another?	<p>There is a cap of maximum 30 training place numbers.</p> <p>Providers need to be confident that they are able to fill the places they request as funding is allocated based on the number of training places. The caps are in place as the Department wants to minimise occurrences where providers submit multiple TNIs and are issued with multiple PAS for the same part qualification/location and only use a small number of places in each of the PAS they have been allocated.</p>
Are high risk work licences considered under mandatory training?	Yes, these are considered to be mandatory.

Question	Answer
For the period from Jan to June what is the last date a TNI can end? Can it be 30 June?	<p>Training completion date for Skilling for Recovery part qualifications can go beyond 30 June 2022. For example, if the training commencement period is late in the first half of 2022 then the training completion date can go into the next Activity Period. Please note that the training commencement period can be no more than six weeks.</p> <p>For TPPPQ, the completion date must be in the Activity Period. Further information on the cut off date will be provided later in the year.</p>

14. JOBTRAINER PROMOTION

Promotional requirements for JobTrainer are specified under “Promotion and Marketing” in the “Smart and Skilled contractual obligations” section of the *Smart and Skilled Policy for the Skilling for Recovery Initiative* (Version 2.0).

Providers must establish a dedicated web page on their websites with a link to each of their Skilling for Recovery specific courses. This page must be branded under JobTrainer. Separate dedicated pages can be created for any specific campaigns, e.g. Summer Skills, Built for Women.

The Department will supply Providers with web banners, images, and other collateral that can be used for this purpose. Providers are not obligated to use the supplied images should they prefer to use their own. When creating their own image, however, Providers cannot use the NSW government logo.

The Department will also provide suggested language that can be used in various communications with students regarding JobTrainer. More information about this and how you can access promotional material can be found here: <https://training.nsw.gov.au/sfr/rtos>.

The Department recommends that:

- Providers create dedicated web pages for any Skilling for Recovery/JobTrainer course offerings so Department course offering webpages can link to these pages. This greatly assists with user experience when we push potential students through from our webpages.
- Any dedicated pages Providers create also link back to their homepage so other course offerings can be explored. Providers may also wish to create dedicated campaign hub pages or website areas for programs such as Summer Skills or Built for Women.

SMART AND SKILLED UPDATES

15. CORRECTION TO STUDENT FEE CHANGES FOR CERTIFICATE IV IN SCREEN AND MEDIA

The Department incorrectly advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 154 (1 December 2021) that student fees for CUA41220 Certificate IV in Screen and Media were decreasing effective from 1

January 2022. Student fees for this qualification will remain as before (i.e. as for the superseded qualification CUA41215), as shown below:

Qualification Code of Superseded Qualification	Qualification Code	Qualification Name	Current Price	New Price	First Qualification Fee	Second or Further Qualification Fee
CUA41215	CUA41220	Certificate IV in Screen and Media	\$10,250	\$7,750	\$1,980	\$2,310

Student fees for these **four (4) qualifications only** will be reduced, effective 1 January 2022:

Qualification Code of Superseded Qualification	Qualification Code	Qualification Name	Current Price	New Price	First Qualification Fee	Second or Further Qualification Fee
UEE40411	UEE40420	Certificate IV in Electrical - Instrumentation	\$14,500	\$6,500	\$1,950	\$2,270
UEE40911	UEE40920	Certificate IV in Industrial Electronics and Control	\$14,250	\$6,250	\$1,950	\$2,270
UEE41211	UEE41220	Certificate IV in Electrical - Rail Signalling	\$14,000	\$6,000	\$1,950	\$2,270
UEE41911	UEE41920	Certificate IV in Electrical - Renewable Energy	\$15,250	\$7,250	\$1,950	\$2,270

16. NSW SKILLS LIST UPDATED – VERSION 12.3 EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2022

The NSW Skills List has been updated, with Version 12.3 effective as of 1 January 2022. This update covers changes as a result of:

- the addition of qualifications
- the removal of qualifications
- updates to Training Packages; and
- updates to Vocational Training Orders (VTOs).

Version 12.3 of the NSW Skills List is available at training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html.

The *Smart and Skilled Prices and Fees Schedule* has also been updated to cover changes to the Skills List as well as reflect recent qualification price changes for the 2021-22 Activity Period, as advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 154 (1 December 2021). Version 12.3, also effective as of 1 January 2022, is available at training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html.

a. Updates to the NSW Skills List

The NSW Skills List has been updated as a result of revisions to the following eleven (11) Training Packages:

- Property Services Training Package
- Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector
- Aeroskills Training Package
- Plastics, Rubber and Cablemaking
- Australian Meat Processing Training Package
- Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package
- Transport and Logistics Training Package
- Gas Industry Training Package
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear
- Sustainability
- Manufacturing Training Package

i. New qualifications on the NSW Skills List

Table 1 shows those qualifications added to the Skills List as well as their prices and fees under Smart and Skilled.

Table 1

New qualifications on the Skills List				
Qualification code	Title	Price	First qualification fee	Subsequent fee
CUA40420	Certificate IV in Live Production and Technical Services	\$8,410	\$1,580	\$1,850
FBP40518	Certificate IV in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	\$7,500	\$2,770	\$3,240
22445VIC	Advanced Diploma of Cyber Security	\$9,560	\$3,430	\$3,860

Smart and Skilled Providers with these qualifications on their NSW scope of registration may apply to deliver them under Smart and Skilled within their current Financial Caps.

Requests to add the qualification to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule (AQAS) should be made to your Strategic Relationship Manager.

ii. Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List

Table 2 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 and can be delivered under Smart and Skilled when this automatic update occurs.

Table 2

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
AMP30416	Certificate III in Meat Processing (Rendering)	AMP30421	Certificate III in Meat Processing (Rendering)
SIS30519	Certificate III in Sport Coaching	SIS30521	Certificate III in Sport Coaching
SIS30419	Certificate III in Sport - Athlete	SIS30421	Certificate III in Sport - Athlete
TLI20319	Certificate II in Stevedoring	TLI20321	Certificate II in Stevedoring
TLI20420	Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations	TLI20421	Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations
TLI21216	Certificate II in Driving Operations	TLI21221	Certificate II in Driving Operations
TLI21920	Certificate II in Track Protection	TLI21921	Certificate II in Track Protection
TLI22418	Certificate II in Furniture Removal	TLI22421	Certificate II in Furniture Removal
TLI23220	Certificate II in Shunting	TLI23221	Certificate II in Shunting
TLI27120	Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure	TLI27121	Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure
TLI30118	Certificate III in Mobile Crane Operations	TLI30121	Certificate III in Mobile Crane Operations
TLI30319	Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations	TLI30321	Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations
TLI31216	Certificate III in Driving Operations	TLI31221	Certificate III in Driving Operations
TLI31320	Certificate III in International Freight Forwarding (Operator)	TLI31321	Certificate III in International Freight Forwarding (Operator)
TLI32715	Certificate III in Track Protection	TLI32721	Certificate III in Track Protection
TLI37120	Certificate III in Rail Infrastructure	TLI37121	Certificate III in Rail Infrastructure
TLI40119	Certificate IV in Driving Operations	TLI40121	Certificate IV in Specialist Driving Operations
TLI40120	Certificate IV in Rail Network Control	TLI40921	Certificate IV in Rail Network Control
TLI40219	Certificate IV in International Freight Forwarding (Senior Operator)	TLI40221	Certificate IV in International Freight Forwarding (Senior Operator)
TLI40319	Certificate IV in Logistics	TLI40321	Certificate IV in Supply Chain Operations
TLI40519	Certificate IV in Traffic Control Room Operations	TLI40521	Certificate IV in Traffic Control Room Operations

Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
TLI40619	Certificate IV in Warehousing Operations	TLI40321	Certificate IV in Supply Chain Operations
TLI41218	Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Road Transport - Car Driving Instruction)	TLI41221	Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Road Transport - Car Driving Instruction)
TLI41318	Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Road Transport - Heavy Vehicle Driving Instruction)	TLI41321	Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Road Transport - Heavy Vehicle Driving Instruction)
TLI42615	Certificate IV in Train Driving	TLI42621	Certificate IV in Train Driving
TLI50219	Diploma of Logistics	TLI50221	Diploma of Logistics
UEG20120	Certificate II in Gas Supply Industry Operations	UEG20121	Certificate II in Gas Supply Industry Operations
UEG30120	Certificate III in Gas Supply Industry Operations	UEG30121	Certificate III in Gas Supply Industry Operations
UEG40220	Certificate IV in Gas Supply Industry Operations	UEG40221	Certificate IV in Gas Supply Industry Operations

iii. Non-equivalent superseding qualification on the NSW Skills List.

Table 3 shows the superseding qualifications that are not equivalent to their superseded version.

Table 3

Non-equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List			
Previous code	Previous title	Current code	Replacement title
CPP30316	Certificate III in Cleaning Operations	CPP30321	Certificate III in Cleaning Operations
CPP40416	Certificate IV in Cleaning Management	CPP40421	Certificate IV in Cleaning
CPP40516	Certificate IV in Strata Community Management	CPP40521	Certificate IV in Strata Community Management
SIS40215	Certificate IV in Fitness	SIS40221	Certificate IV in Fitness
SIS30315	Certificate III in Fitness	SIS30321	Certificate III in Fitness

iv. Deleted qualifications on the NSW Skills List

Table 4 shows a qualification that has been deleted from its respective Training Package, and removed from the Skills List as a result.

Table 4

Deleted qualifications on the Skills List	
Qualification code	Qualification name
CPP20617	Certificate II in Cleaning

b. VTO changes affecting the Skills List

Following updates to NSW VTOs, a number of superseding qualifications detailed in previous Smart and Skilled Updates can now be delivered under apprenticeship and traineeship pathways under Smart and Skilled. These qualifications are shown in **Table 5 below**.

Table 5

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications		
Qualification code	Qualification name	Available pathway
UET30821	Certificate III in ESI - Distribution Underground	Apprenticeship
UET30621	Certificate III in ESI - Distribution Overhead	Apprenticeship
UET30721	Certificate III in ESI - Rail Traction	Apprenticeship
UET30521	Certificate III in ESI - Transmission Overhead	Apprenticeship
PMB40121	Certificate IV in Polymer Technology	Apprenticeship
PMB40116	Certificate IV in Polymer Technology	Traineeship
PMB30121	Certificate III in Polymer Processing	Traineeship

i. Removal of apprenticeships and traineeship pathways

Table 6 shows the qualifications that have had their traineeships and apprenticeships removed as a result of updates to NSW VTOs.

Table 6

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates	
Qualification code	Qualification name
UET30819	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Cable Jointing
UET30619	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead
UET30719	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Rail Traction

VTO changes affecting superseding qualifications from previous Smart and Skilled Updates	
Qualification code	Qualification name
UET30519	Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Transmission Overhead
UET50319	Diploma of ESI - Power Systems Operations
MEA30218	Certificate III in Aeroskills (Mechatronics)
MEA41018	Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Mechatronics)
MEA20418	Certificate II in Aeroskills
PMB50116	Diploma of Polymer Technology
LMT31909	Certificate III in Engineering - TCF Mechanic
MST30119	Certificate III in Clothing and Textile Production
MST30519	Certificate III in Leather Production
MST20116	Certificate II in TCF Production Support

17. REMINDER: NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSEDOWN

The Department of Education, including Training Services NSW regional offices, closed down for the Christmas/New Year period from the afternoon of **Friday, 24 December 2021 to Friday, 7 January 2022** inclusive.

All functionality in STS Online continued to be available during this period.

Please note that during the closedown, there was limited technical/other support for Training Market Customer Support, Smart and Skilled Information and Customer Support. The training.market@det.nsw.edu.au email address was monitored weekdays during this period from 8:30am to 4:30pm, excluding public holidays and Wednesday 29 December 2021. Payments, where due, also continued to be processed.

For providers who closed, it was expected that you put in place processes and contingencies to ensure that you were able to meet Smart and Skilled contractual obligations regarding the reporting of Training Activity Data at least once every 28 days.

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. 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.