

# Skills Tasmania Facts



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Tasmanian Skills Strategy  
launched by the Hon David  
Bartlett MP, Premier and  
Minister for Education and Skills



Image of the Tasmanian Skills Strategy Framework

For the past year Skills Tasmania has lead the development of a comprehensive Skills Strategy to provide strategic direction on skill development to 2015.

On Thursday, 27 November 2008, the Hon David Bartlett MP, Premier and Minister for Education and Skills, launched the Tasmanian Skills Strategy to 270 guests at the Wrest Point Conference Centre in Hobart. The launch took place in the centre of Skills Tasmania's Showcasing Innovation in Tasmanian Training, where guests could witness innovative and responsive training in action and interact with employers, service providers and learners.

## 2009 Dates for your Diary

- 26 Mar Tasmanian Private Provider Network – first meeting (Hobart)
- 18-19 May Skills Tasmania Conference 2009 (Launceston)



The Hon David Bartlett MP, Premier and Minister for Education and Skills, at the official launch in Hobart (Photo courtesy of Sprout Labs)

The Skills Strategy places employers, service providers and learners at its centre and recognises the three drivers of an economy – population, participation and productivity.

A skilled workforce is essential for strong and sustained economic growth. The Tasmanian Skills Strategy aspires to create a highly skilled, inclusive, fair and prosperous Tasmania where:

- Tasmanians have the skills to participate in a clever and connected community;
- together, Tasmanians will overcome individual disadvantage and exclusion to increase participation;
- providers will partner with industry to deliver skills through high quality services; and
- employers will build workforce skills to innovate, grow and invest in productivity.

The Tasmanian Skills Strategy focuses on 10 Action Areas:

- Increase participation in work and community
- Increase opportunities through social inclusion
- Attract and retain young people in education, training and employment
- Attract skilled people to Tasmania
- Build on local advantage
- Deliver responsive, high quality education and training
- Skills for innovation and future industries
- Meet industry demand for skills
- Improve workforce development
- Improve adult literacy skills

The Skills Strategy will increase: participation in education and training; the acquisition of higher-level qualifications; and the proportion of young Tasmanians gaining year 12 or equivalent qualifications. These impacts will significantly contribute to a more productive and prosperous Tasmanian community.

Key stakeholders, including government agencies and peak bodies, participated in a consultation process to inform the development of the Skills Strategy. This will guide Skills Tasmania's purchase of education and training in the future.

Skills Tasmania will maintain contact with stakeholders who have contributed to and are responsible for the actions of the Skills Strategy. Annually Skills Tasmania will update the Skills Strategy, report on progress and identify gaps in skill formation activity.

You may provide feedback, comment or suggest an activity to be included in annual updates of the Tasmanian Skills Strategy online. Further detail of the Tasmanian Skills Strategy is available on the Skills Tasmania site: [www.skills.tas.gov.au](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au)

## Skills Tasmania Industry Policy

The Skills Tasmania Industry Policy is now available on the Skills Tasmania website: [www.skills.tas.gov.au](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au).

The Skills Tasmania Industry Policy is the result of the Skilling Tasmania Policy Consultation, a broad industry consultation undertaken by Skills Tasmania in late 2007. The consultation aimed to seek the views of industry and other clients of the training system on the management and funding of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Tasmania.

The consultation involved the release of a discussion document and a series of broad industry and training provider forums around the state, as well as the development of Regional Industry Reference Groups. All feedback from forums, reference groups and online feedback submissions have been summarised in a series of documents also available online at [www.skills.tas.gov.au/skillstas/policy-and-publications/skilling-tasmania](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/skillstas/policy-and-publications/skilling-tasmania)

The Industry Policy is one of a suite of policies under development which support the Tasmanian Skills Strategy and outline Skills Tasmania's strategic approach to:

- Industry
- Training System Capability Building
- Purchasing Training
- Individual Learners

## New Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA) accredited course, 'Work Readiness'

On 3 December, 2008, the TQA accredited 'Work Readiness' (TQA level 1 & 2). This course is available for delivery by senior secondary schools and community organisations and aims to prepare people for the workforce. This may be for school leavers or adults entering paid employment for the first time, or adults re-entering the workforce.

This course intends to provide a holistic approach to work readiness, acknowledging the importance of personal factors such as self-confidence in preparing people for employment. It places the individual at the centre of learning and skills development.

On successful completion of Work Readiness participants will be able to:

- discuss basic workplace arrangements and expectations that affect employees;
- demonstrate communication skills suitable for sharing information in a workplace context;
- demonstrate basic numeracy skills relevant to the workplace;
- demonstrate skills needed for successful job-seeking; and
- exhibit workplace-related behaviours that can be expected of any new employee.

In line with the Action Area 'Increase Participation in Work and Community' of the Tasmanian Skills Strategy, this course, and courses delivered by registered training organisations of a similar nature, offer opportunities for those who are marginally attached to engage in meaningful, relevant and responsive training with a view to greater participation in work and community.

For further information visit: [www.tqa.tas.gov.au/2424](http://www.tqa.tas.gov.au/2424)

## Skills Tasmania Conference 2009

Skills Tasmania's annual conference will be held at Country Club Tasmania in Launceston on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 May 2009.

The conference will offer keynote speakers, interactive workshops, a special conference dinner on Monday evening and breakfast session on Tuesday morning.

Whilst the program, for the most part, will have a service provider focus, training organisations are encouraged to invite representatives from one or more of their enterprise partners to attend all or part of the one and a half day event.

Contact Jacqui Maclaine on (03) 6233 3194 or email [jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au](mailto:jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au).

# Tasmanian Private Provider Network

The aim of the Tasmanian Private Provider Network (PPN) is to give private providers an:

- opportunity to network on a regular basis;
- share and collaborate on ideas and concepts;
- raise the profile of private providers; and
- discuss issues and concerns that affect private providers in particular.

Members can: keep up-to-date with issues; hold on-line discussions or suggest agenda items via the website ([www.tasppn.com](http://www.tasppn.com)); or attend their quarterly meetings.

All Tasmanian Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) are invited to join the network. To obtain more information contact one of the following network members or register via the website ([www.tasppn.com](http://www.tasppn.com)):

Jenny Fitzgibbon ([jennyf@jenard.com.au](mailto:jennyf@jenard.com.au))

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Anita Busch on ([anita@islandhealth.tas.edu.au](mailto:anita@islandhealth.tas.edu.au))

The next meeting will be held at Jenard (Level 2, 65 Murray Street, Hobart) at 3pm on Thursday, 26 March 2008.

