

Skills Tasmania Policy Statement

Government Funded Priority Courses List

Policy Objective

To outline the Tasmanian Government's considerations when deciding its priority Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses for receiving government training subsidies.

Background

The Department of State Growth (Skills Tasmania) strategically invests in nationally recognised VET to support economic and community outcomes aligned with Tasmanian Government priorities and identified industry needs as outlined in the Tasmanian Skills Plan.

This policy statement forms part of the Tasmanian Government's funding framework for the training and workforce development system. Ensuring value for money and maximising public benefit are central principles of the funding framework.

Scope

This Policy Statement is considered by Skills Tasmania in its administration of Government training subsidy grant programs, including the TasTAFE Deed of Purchasing Arrangement.

Skills Tasmania will maintain and publish a Government Funded Priority Courses List, consistent with this Policy Statement. The published list is not exhaustive, and other related or comparable courses that meet the intent of this Policy Statement may be considered.

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The following measures are considered when determining the courses included on the list:

- alignment to occupational shortage in priority Tasmanian industries
- provide a pathway to entry-level occupations in priority Tasmanian industries
- alignment to job roles with strong vacancy rates
- licencing requirements for occupations in priority Tasmanian industries
- employment outcomes from the course are strong
- links to occupations and job roles in high demand in regional areas
- alignment to critical skills across multiple priority Tasmanian industry sectors
- preparing the learner for work through improving language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills
- there is verified demand for the course in Tasmania, by industry or employers.

A Skill Set is considered a priority when it includes units of competency from qualifications on the Government Funded Priority Courses List, or where it is a custom skill set developed by a Registered Training Organisation to meet a licensing, regulatory requirement, or meets a defined priority industry need.

The program objective set out in Grant Program Guidelines informs how the Government Funded Priority Courses List is applied at the funding program level. This means that the relative priority of a course may differ across grant programs.

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