

Skills Tasmania Policy Statement

Strategic Funding Framework

Policy Objective

To support transparent decision making around the distribution of Tasmanian Government training subsidies.

Background

The Department of State Growth (Skills Tasmania) invests in nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) to support economic and community outcomes, aligned with Tasmanian Government priorities and industry needs as outlined in the Tasmanian Skills Plan. It administers Tasmania's training and workforce development system within the legislative framework established by the *Training and Workforce Development Act 2013*.

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.

Policy Statement

Tasmania's training system relies on a strong public provider and a diversity of quality, private registered training organisations (RTOs) to deliver training across Tasmania. Skills Tasmania administers government training subsidies in a structured and transparent way to ensure value for money and to maximise public benefit.

Agenda Setting

The outcomes Skills Tasmania aims to achieve through its investment in training subsidies is informed by:

- the Tasmanian Skills Plan
- the *Training and Workforce Development Act*
- the *TasTAFE (Skills and Training Business) Act*
- the National Skills Agreement
- broader Government policy.

The desired outcomes are communicated in program objectives for individual training subsidy grant programs.

Policy Statements

Skills Tasmania administers training subsidies within a consistent framework that establishes what training products are prioritised for funding, how much it pays per training subsidy and eligibility requirements. This is communicated through the following Policy Statements:

- Government Funded Priority Courses List
- Subsidy Policy (What we pay for training)
- Location Loadings
- Learner Eligibility

Funding Process

Skills Tasmania determines its annual training subsidy programs by considering the available budget and the required scope to deliver against identified outcomes.

The scope of individual programs is communicated through Grant Program Guidelines. The Guidelines include eligibility and assessment criteria that align to the program objectives and relevant policy statements.

Training subsidy programs are made available to eligible Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in accordance with best practice grants management.

Funding decisions are made based on assessment against Grant Program Guidelines and program objectives. Skills Tasmania will ensure its funding decisions support access to training subsidies across priority industry sectors and regions of the State.

Consideration may be given to the viability of an eligible RTO, or viability or access to a proposed training program, as part of the funding decision process.

Review and Evaluation

Skills Tasmania regularly reviews its programs to inform the design and delivery of subsequent program offerings.

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