

Trade Training Centres in Schools Program

The Trade Training Centres in Schools Program is an important element of the Australian Government's Education Revolution.

It will provide \$2.5 billion over 10 years to enable all secondary schools to apply for funding of between \$500 000 and \$1.5 million for Trade Training Centres.

Trade Training Centres are being established to help increase the proportion of students achieving Year 12 or an equivalent qualification and to help address national skills shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries.

Under the Program, funds are available for equipment, minor upgrade of facilities and major capital works.

Examples of projects that received funding as part of Round One (Phase One) of the program include:

- a training centre to deliver marine, construction and hospitality to Indigenous students;
- a large workshop to deliver training in construction and property service industries; and
- a training centre for food, industrial and automotive technologies in a remote Indigenous community.

Funding rounds

In 2008 there were two phases of funding - through Phase One over \$90 million was announced and through Phase Two there will be up to \$310 million available. In each future year there will be a single funding round.

The Prime Minister recently announced that up to \$110 million will be brought forward in Round Two of the Trade Training Centres Program, increasing available funding from \$277 million to up to \$387 million.

This funding boost will allow more than 110 additional schools and their communities to benefit sooner from funding to build new trade training facilities, upgrade existing facilities and purchase trade-related equipment.

Who can apply?

Applications for funding can be submitted by a single secondary school with Year 11 and 12 enrolments, or by a secondary school on behalf of:

- a cluster of secondary schools working together; or
- a consortium, where a single secondary school or cluster of secondary schools works in partnership with other bodies such as Registered Training Organisations.

Key priorities of the program

The assessment process places an emphasis on schools that meet the program priorities, which are projects that:

- develop regional skills hubs or joint facilities in urban areas;
- support links to existing infrastructure;
- support Indigenous students and students from rural, regional and disadvantaged communities;
- offer or provide pathways to Certificate III or above qualifications;
- engage with local industry and take into account local employment opportunities; and
- complement and build on existing programs aimed at improving transition from school to work and increasing Year 12 or equivalent attainment.

For more information about the program and the application process:

- visit the: www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au
- phone the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations on **1300 363 079**
- email: tradetraining@deewr.gov.au