

## State News

### **BARBERING APPRENTICESHIP APPROVED!**

We are very happy to advise that the Minister for Training and Workforce Development, the Hon Liza Harvey MLA, has approved the establishment of a Class A Apprenticeship—Certificate III in Barbering (SHB30516). The apprenticeship has been listed in the Government Gazette ([link here](#)) and will become available for delivery as a Class A apprenticeship in the near future. RAPS would like to thank Industry for their tremendous support for the proposal and congratulate them on now having two Apprenticeships in Hairdressing which will allow the flexibility for employers to employ and train in the skills required by the individual business.

### **TRAINING PACKAGE NOMINAL HOURS**

RAPS are in the process of reviewing with DTWD the nominal hours attached to the revised Hairdressing, Community Pharmacy and Retail training packages. WA Nominal Hours Guides, formerly known as "Implementation Guides", are support resources to assist registered training organisations, teachers, trainers and assessors implement training packages in Western Australia and can be found [here](#).

### **STATE PRIORITY OCCUPATION LIST (SPOL)**

The final Draft of the 2016 SPOL is nearing completion by DTWD and is scheduled to be available to RAPS in early August.

### **SKILLS WEST EXPO—12-14 AUGUST 2016**

Skills West Expo is Western Australia's leading, largest and most attended careers event that enables visitors to explore tertiary and VET course options, find traineeships, apprenticeships and plan new career pathways. Skills West Expo is free for all visitors to attend and will be held on 12 – 14 August, 2016 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The event attracts more than 9,000 students, graduates and career changers across three days.

### **VETINFONET WEBSITE**

As of 1 July 2016, information from the VETinfoNET website will be moved to the DTWD website. Professional development information for VET practitioners, nominal hours guides and the training product search will be available in the [Training Providers Section](#). VET in Schools information will be available in the [Employees and Students section](#).

### **WA TRAINING AWARDS**

Semi-finalist Judging Day for individuals is this Friday 15 July and it's also an exciting month for organisational categories, with panels heading out to do site visits with each of the finalists in the coming week. To see who the finalists are and for more news, click [here](#).

## **National News**

### **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY AND SKILLS COMMITTEE (AISC)**

The AISC have launched a Review of Industry Reference Committees (IRCs). Your IRC is the formal mechanism through which your industry's skills needs – both now and into the future – are considered and defined in national training packages.

The review of IRCs provides an invaluable opportunity for industry to directly influence the sorts of skills and knowledge current and future employees will receive through a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification. For more information click [here](#).

### **SKILLSIQ - NEW WEBSITE AND INDUSTRY WORKFORCE SURVEY**

SkillsIQ, the Service Skills Organisation (SSO) covering the RAPS industry sectors, has launched its new website: [www.skillsiq.com.au](http://www.skillsiq.com.au). Furthermore, they are conducting an Industry Workforce Survey. All stakeholders are encouraged to [complete the survey](#) and have your say. The data collected will be collated and provided to the relevant IRCs to be used to inform the future directions of skills development, including the review of training packages.