

State News

BARBERING APPRENTICESHIP

We are pleased to advise that delivery of the Barbering Apprenticeship is progressing well with a substantial number of apprenticeships having commenced this year. Click [here](#) to see where training is being carried out.

DELIVERY OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SCHOOLS (VETiS)

The Education and Health Standing Committee is inquiring into the delivery of the VETiS program and will report back to the WA Parliament by 30 November 2017. The inquiry will consider:

- How well the program is meeting the needs of schools, students and industry
- Challenges for regional and remote areas
- Registration and ongoing monitoring of training organisations
- Resourcing of the program

The Committee is seeking submissions from stakeholders addressing the above terms of reference **prior to close of business Monday 7 August 2017**. If you would like to make a submission this can either be emailed to laehsc@parliament.wa.gov.au or posted to: Education and Health Standing Committee, Legislative Assembly Committee Office, 4 Harvest Terrace, West Perth, WA 6005. If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sarah Palmer, the Committee's Principal Research Officer, on 9222 6005.

VET IN SCHOOLS REGISTER - The *VET qualifications register for secondary students* enables schools, RTOs and parents to help students choose industry supported qualifications and delivery options which are more likely to lead to successful outcomes, including completing qualifications and effectively transitioning into further training or employment. The latest edition has been updated and can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

WA TRAINING AWARDS 2017 - Organisational finalists announced

Education and Training Minister, Sue Ellery, recently announced the organisational finalists for the 2017 WA Training Awards from across the State. Click [here](#) to see the list of finalists. Finalists in the individual categories of apprentices, trainees, students and trainers will be announced next month and all winners will be announced at a presentation dinner to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 15 September 2017.

National News

SIR RETAIL SERVICES TRAINING PACKAGE CONSULTATION

Validation of Draft 2 of the SIR Retail Services Training Package products has now concluded and feedback has been received on training package products in the following areas:

- Online Retailing - 2 Skills Sets
- Merchandise Management – Skills Set and Diploma
- Visual Merchandising—Diploma

The Case for Endorsement is currently being finalised with submission to the AISC for consideration expected in July.

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING REGULATOR ACT 2011 (NVETRAct)

The Australian Government has commissioned Professor Valerie Braithwaite to undertake a review of the NVETRA Act. The review will assess the suitability of the NVETRA legislative framework and its capacity to support a responsive, effective and efficient approach to regulation to ensure the quality of the national vocational education and training (VET) sector into the future.

The strategic objectives of the review include:

- Shifting the regulatory framework towards outcomes-based regulation
- Identifying any legislative changes needed to support a more efficient and risk-based approach to compliance
- Enabling swift enforcement of sanctions when poor quality training is detected
- Ensuring adequate information is available to support VET consumers' choices regarding training, and
- Administrative improvements to the NVETRA Act.

The review will be conducted over six months and will seek the views of major stakeholders, invite submissions from the public, and draw on available information and data about the VET sector. Further consultation will be held on draft recommendations with key stakeholders.

How to be involved in the review

The reviewer will consult various sector stakeholders and public submissions are also invited and **close on Friday 18 August 2017**. Please visit the webpage [here](#) to obtain further information and make a submission.

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YOUTH JOBS PaTH

Youth Jobs PaTH is a flexible new approach to youth employment. It is designed to support young people to gain the skills and work experience they need to get and keep a job. It also supports employers to host internship placements and provides them with incentives when they take on a young person. Youth Jobs PaTH has three elements: Prepare—Trial—Hire.

Prepare helps young people become job ready by providing intensive pre-employment training.

Trial provides young people with voluntary internship opportunities to help them gain real work experience in Australian businesses.

Hire provides a financial incentive of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) paid over six months to employers who hire eligible young job seekers.

To find out more about hosting an internship, visit the jobactive website [here](#).

OTHER USEFUL LINKS:

NCVER—Government funded students and courses. This publication provides a summary of data relating to students, programs, subjects and training providers in Australia's government funded vocational education and training (VET) system for 2016. Please click [here](#) to access the publication.

Australian Jobs 2017 - click [here](#) to access the latest edition of the Australian Jobs report, which provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market to support job seekers, careers intermediaries, those considering future training and work, and people interested in labour market issues.