

State News

PLAN FOR JOBS—REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

The State Government, through the State Training Board, is hosting a number of Consultation sessions in regional WA (see below) for local and surrounding businesses, industry stakeholders, and apprentices and trainees on how we can grow apprenticeships and traineeships across Western Australia. The following are the dates and locations for visits in the regions:

GERALDTON:	Friday 13 October 2017	Geraldton TAFE Campus
PORT HEDLAND:	Wed 25 October 2017	Pundulmurra Campus
MERREDIN:	Fri 3 November 2017	Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre
ALBANY:	Wed 8 November 2017	Albany TAFE Campus
BROOME:	Mon 13 November 2017	Broome TAFE Campus
KALGOORLIE:	Fri 24 November 2017	Kalgoorlie TAFE Campus
BUNBURY:	Mon 27 November 2017	Bunbury ECU Campus

For more information and to register please click [here](#).

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Written submissions on the following Consultation Papers close this Friday, 15th September.

[Growing Apprenticeships and Traineeships Consultation Paper](#) [TAFE Industry Skill Centres Consultation Paper](#)

An interim report on the Perth Consultations and the written submissions will be presented to the Board on the 19 October 2017 and the findings from the regional consultations will be incorporated into a final report to the Minister in December/January.

STATE TRAINING BOARD—NEW WEBSITE

In addition to providing the Minister for Education and Training with advice and industry-based research on strategic directions, policy and priorities for Western Australia's training system, the WA State Training Board manages and supports a range of activities and projects to support industry, business and our community across the State. The State Training Board has a new website which can be accessed [here](#).

RAPS, as part of the Training Council Network, works closely with the State Training Board to provide advice on the training needs of its industries and to inform the State Training Plan.

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STATE TRAINING PLAN

The State Training Plan identifies the current and future training and skill development needs of Western Australia's industries, and contains strategies that will contribute to achieving the State Government's major goals and visions for the WA economy and labour market. Additionally, the Plan supports the key initiatives in the Government's *Plan for Jobs* by investing in training places through TAFE and private training providers. You can view and download the *State Training Plan 2017–2020* [here](#).

STATE PRIORITY OCCUPATION LIST (SPOL) 2017

The SPOL is produced each year by DTWD in consultation with key stakeholders, including the State's training councils, to inform and guide workforce planning and development for Western Australia. It is a list of occupations rated according to their priority status for WA. The SPOL informs the *WA State training plan*, which guides the allocation of subsidised training programs into areas of prioritised need. It also informs WA workforce development planning and the *Western Australian skilled migration occupation list*. Occupations covered by RAPS on SPOL include: Retail Manager, Retail Supervisor, Sales Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Pharmacy Sales Assistant and Funeral Worker. The 2017 SPOL is now available [here](#).

WA TRAINING AWARDS 2017

Finalists for all 12 categories of the WA Training Awards have been chosen and winners will be announced at the Presentation Dinner to be held this Friday, 15th September at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. For further information, visit the website [here](#).

PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES A LIFELINE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Each year, thousands of small business owners do not pursue legal matters because they believe it will be too expensive and time-consuming. The State Government, through the Small Business Development Corporation, is helping to address this by referring eligible clients to the John Curtin Law Clinic. For more information, visit the website [here](#).

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2017-2018 STATE BUDGET

Commitment to Training and Future Jobs

As part of the 2017-2018 Budget, Education and Training Minister Sue Ellery has announced more than \$90 million would be spent over the next four years to return the delivery of several qualifications to Western Australia, upgrade vital training infrastructure and improve training affordability through the TAFE fees freeze. For more information, see the Media Statement [here](#).

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SIR RETAIL SERVICES TRAINING PACKAGE V3.0

At its July 2017 meeting, the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (ASIC) approved the Case for Endorsement and associated training package products as prepared by SkillsIQ, inclusive of:

- Two qualifications:
 - ⇒ SIR50217 Diploma of Retail Merchandise Management
 - ⇒ SIR50317 Diploma of Visual Merchandising
- Three new Skills Sets
- Thirty new and revised Units of Competency and associated Assessment Requirements.

These training package products and associated Companion Volume Implementation Guide (CVIG) are now available on training.gov.au.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN IPL AND LASER HAIR REDUCTION

SkillsIQ have been undertaking national consultations to seek feedback on Draft I of new and revised SHB training package products including:

- Graduate Certificate in Intense Pulsed Light and Laser Hair Reduction
- Five Units of Competency and associated Assessment Requirements

Draft I is also available for comment via the SkillsIQ online Feedback Forum. To access draft material online please [click here](#). For more information please contact SkillsIQ at trainingpackages@skillsiq.com.au or phone (02) 9392 8100.