

## **Statement of Australian Government priorities Future Skills Organisation**

This Statement sets out the Australian Government's priorities for **Future Skills Organisation**.

### **Government policy priorities and objectives for all JSCs**

We expect your organisation to be actively involved in:

- addressing Australia's productivity challenges, including undertaking activity that supports building a skilled, adaptable and inclusive workforce
- working with my department, First Nations peoples, industry (employers and unions) and other JSCs to progress the priority reforms under the Closing the Gap National Agreement
- addressing system inclusivity in gender-segregated industries including by examining education and training pathway choices, and how these intersect with the gender make-up of occupations and industries
- using strategic workforce planning and strong stakeholder engagement to continue building a shared, evidence-based view of the challenges and opportunities for your industries and across JSCs
- reflecting the possible impacts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and broader digital transformation in workforce planning analysis, particularly emerging and changing skills needs within your industry sectors, and incorporating data, digital and AI learning outcomes into the design and review of qualifications and training products
- ensuring all updates to training products embed Qualification Reform principles to deliver streamlined, relevant, and future-ready qualifications. This includes reducing duplication, aligning with current and emerging workforce needs across jurisdictions, and responding proactively to industry and learner expectations.

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We acknowledge that Future Skills Organisation has a significant program of work underway in support of the finance, technology and business sectors.

Recognising your existing workplan and government priorities as they relate to your industries, we expect Future Skills Organisation to also:

- support the work of Jobs and Skills Australia in areas of shared interest such as Foundation Skills and Generative AI capacity by engaging with industry (employers and unions) and government to consider and potentially advance relevant recommendations
- contribute to the development and implementation of the National AI Capability Plan, led by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, through researching and sharing best practice, strengthening AI understanding and adoption within industry, and boosting workforce AI skills
- provide insights into how the national training system can support the building of a cyber ecosystem with world-class capabilities and talent, in line with the 2023–2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy being led by the Department of Home Affairs, alongside your efforts to reflect generalist cyber security skills across training pathways
- develop and test new approaches to the development and release of digital capability training products and resources by exploring the use of AI to streamline training product development processes in response to rapid change in your industries.

**Partnering for success**

Success of the JSC Program depends on your organisation working in close partnership with your industries, employers, unions and other stakeholder groups, my department and other government agencies. This includes establishing and strengthening formal partnerships with First Nations peoples, enabling shared decision-making, and supporting projects that empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to determine and drive their own economic development. Our department will support your efforts to bring together industry (employers and unions) and government to shape and drive workforce solutions across the economy, including by providing information and fostering connections across government.