

## **Statement of Australian Government priorities Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance**

This Statement sets out the Australian Government's priorities for **Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance**.

### **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.

### **Government policy priorities and objectives for Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance**

We acknowledge that Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance has a significant program of work underway in support of the manufacturing sector.

Recognising your existing workplan and government priorities as they relate to your industries, we expect Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance to also:

- continue contributing to the National Priority of growing Australia's sovereign capability through the Future Made in Australia agenda, National Reconstruction Fund and Australia's goal of reaching net zero by 2050
- build a common understanding and approach to manufacturing skills and training in support of the National Skills Agreement priority of developing Australia's sovereign capability and food security.
- continue to build understanding of the opportunities for a skilled workforce in the future of manufacturing in Australia, including advances in technology balanced with industry perspectives and needs
- continue to monitor the implementation of the Ministerial exemption to the 2012 Standards for Training Packages for Release 2 of the MEM Manufacturing and Engineering Training Package to ensure it remains reflective of industry needs and jurisdictions' views.

**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.