

Statement of Australian Government priorities Skills Insight

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

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 Skills Insight has a significant program of work underway in support of the agribusiness, fibre, furnishing, food, animal and environment care sectors.

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

- align with the National Skills Agreement priority of developing Australia's sovereign capability and food security, progress a common approach to identifying and growing learner skills needed to strengthen agribusiness workforce resilience, sustainability, and responsiveness to emerging challenges. This includes work to support the National Biosecurity Strategy and the National Food Security Strategy
- work with stakeholders to address workforce and industry equity challenges in regional, rural and remote Australia by promoting accessibility to education, training and employment as fundamental rights and critical economic and social drivers of communities
- support the work of Jobs and Skills Australia by assisting in consultations to voice industry perspectives and potentially working collaboratively to take forward recommendations

- support Australia’s net zero transformation by engaging with industry (employers and unions) to facilitate participation, identify emerging skills needs in land, water and ecosystem management and reporting, promote the use of data to drive progress towards net zero and contribute to workforce development through programs such as the Indigenous Rangers Program and other government and industry-supported net zero initiatives
- enhance entry-level access and strengthen long-term career pathways across sectors by continuing to assess the value of an agricultural trade apprenticeship as a viable, sustainable and effective program.

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.