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### Training Package Version Guide

Training Package	Version @ 3/10/13
CPP07 Property Services Training Package	Version 13.0
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### State Priority Occupation List

The State Priority Occupation List (SPOL) is an annually-produced list of jobs that are considered critical to the State and/or have demonstrated significant unmet demand.

The Department of Training and Workforce Development produces the list in consultation with key stakeholders, including the State's ten industry-linked training councils.

For more information on the SPOL please refer to the Department of Training and Workforce Development website [via this link](#).

## 2013 Australian Training Awards

The Australian Training Awards presentation dinner event will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 22 November 2013 from 7.00 pm.



This year, the Australian Training Awards will mark 20 years of rewarding outstanding excellence in vocational education and training (VET).

The majority of the 18 awards, which recognise individuals, business and registered training organisations, are the culmination of the state and territory awards programs with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories. The remaining award categories are available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards Program

The 2013 finalists can be viewed on the Winners and Finalists page of the Australian Training Awards [website](#).

## Perth to host 2014 WorldSkills Australia National Competition

The 2014 WorldSkills Australia National Competition will be held in Perth, at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, from 18 - 20 September 2014.

National competitors will get the opportunity to benchmark their skills against their peers in 50 categories, ranging from the traditional trades such as bricklaying and vehicle painting to the more contemporary professions of mechatronics and web design.



For more information visit the WorldSkills Australia [website](#).

## 2014 Training Providers Forum

The Training Providers Forum - WA's leading forum on training and workforce development - will be held on 19 and 20 May 2014.



More information will be coming soon.

## Skills Connect/Skills Connect Fund

### Skills Connect

Skills Connect is an integrated approach to help link eligible Australian enterprises with a range of skills and workforce development programs and funding, for example the Workplace English Language and Literacy Program (WELL) and the National Workforce Development Fund (NWDF).



The programs available under Skills Connect support Australian businesses and industry by contributing directly towards the costs of accredited workforce training and development. Activities include up-skilling and re-skilling employees, accelerating and boosting Australian Apprenticeship completion rates and equipping workers with higher skills in literacy and numeracy.

Further information is available on the Government's Skills Connect website: [please click here](#).

### Skills Connect Fund

The Skills Connect Fund came into effect from 1 July 2013 with the aim of streamlining and simplifying access to the programs under Skills Connect. The fund provides a single, simple access point for proponents who are seeking Government co-funding to assist them to address whole-of-workforce development needs under a single funding agreement.

The Co-funding grants are available to support the cost of nationally recognised vocational education and training qualifications, skills sets, language, literacy and numeracy, apprenticeship mentoring and workforce training needs analyses.

The Skills Connect Fund operates in unison with - and complementary to - other Skills Connect programs. Where an enterprise requires a single, focused response, for example support for language, literacy and numeracy, that assistance would still be accessed through the WELL program. However, the Skills Connect Fund provides the opportunity to support diverse capability and training needs to fit a business plan or to meet broad whole-of-workforce needs.

Further information about the fund is also available on the Skills Connect Website: [please click here.](#)

### **Minister announces review to strengthen the State's training sector**

Training and Workforce Development Minister Terry Redman has announced an independent review of the State's vocational education and training sector.

To read more, please click on the following [link.](#)

### **Workplace Essentials for Better Business Website**

The Workplace essentials website provides small to medium businesses with a 'one-stop' gateway to find useful information, templates, links and resources that can help them to better plan, attract, develop and retain a skilled workforce.

Developing and implementing workforce planning and workforce development processes in the workplace and having a workforce action plan are essential components of healthy business practice.

Not being able to attract staff and losing and having to replace staff can cost a business time, productivity and money. By investing time into getting your workforce planning and development processes right today, businesses can be better placed to meet their business goals today and tomorrow.

Project partners:

The Workplace essentials for better business website was developed by the Department of Training and Workforce Development in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Western Australia (Inc.), Small Business Centre Stirling, Small Business Development Corporation and representatives from the Western Australian Training Councils.

For more information, please visit: [www.workplace-essentials.dtwd.wa.gov.au](http://www.workplace-essentials.dtwd.wa.gov.au)

