

# Industries on the Move

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### Extension of Transition Period for Training Products

As a result of the transition to the Standards for Training Packages there is a temporary surge in the number of revised training products endorsed by the [Australian Industry and Skills Committee](#) (AISC). The peak of activity for release of revised training packages is within the period September 2015 to March 2016.

To assist registered training providers (RTOs) to prepare for and implement revised training packages, the Australian Government Minister for Vocational Education and Skills and state and territory Skills Ministers have agreed to temporarily increase the period allowed to transition students to the updated training package qualifications under Standard 1.26 (a) of the Standards for RTOs 2015.

RTOs will now have 18 months instead of 12 months from the date the superseding training product was released on the National Register ([training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au)) to transition students to the updated training package qualifications or complete their studies and issue the appropriate certification.

This provision only applies for training products endorsed by the AISC from September 2015 until March 2016.

Please click [here](#) for the list of training packages and qualifications.

### Training Provider's Forum

Registrations are now open for the annual Training Providers' Forum hosted by the Department of Training and Workforce Development.

This two-day conference and exhibition is aimed at all those involved in the planning, delivery and assessment of vocational education and training (VET) in Western Australia. It will feature a range of plenary and concurrent workshop sessions designed to give the latest information on training and workforce development and showcase examples of innovation and good practice.

The Forum will focus on:

- national training package reforms
- good teaching and assessment practice in VET
- compliance and regulation and
- innovation and technology.

The LTC will be joining other training councils as exhibitors at the forum so please look us up on the day.

For more information and to register please go to <http://vetinfonet.dtwd.wa.gov.au/NewsAndEvents/Pages/TPL2016.aspx>

## Skilled Priority Occupation List 2016

The LTC recently completed its annual consultation with industry to gather information for the 2016 SPOL generated by the Department of Training and Workforce Development. The SPOL is used to help guide purchasing of publicly-funded training in Western Australia as well as for migration purposes. In addition, SPOL is used to inform workforce development planning in the State and is used as a key source of labour market evidence in a number of policy areas.

Consultation was held with our industry-specific working groups as well as with individual companies, and this resulted in great participation and feedback relating to the SPOL and other industry issues. Stakeholders were also invited to complete an on-line survey relating to occupations in skills demand and this was accessed by many stakeholders.

We would like to thank all those who participated in our consultations and surveys, providing valuable feedback which has now been submitted to the DTWD for consideration. One of our key roles is to represent our stakeholders and advise the Government of industry concerns and issues and your continued support allows us to do this.



## Transport in 2036: What Does the Future Look Like?

As seen in the CCI business bites, Western Australia's mining and transport industries are set to be transformed with the introduction of automation technology – but the revolution isn't as far off as you might think.

According to leading futurists, here's what you can expect to see in the next 20 years:

### Transport

One of the biggest revolutions is almost upon us: driverless cars.

Adelaide's Southern Expressway hosted the country's first test of a driverless car in November last year and Google currently has more than 50 driverless cars cruising California. The pod-style vehicles have no steering wheels and navigate at up to 40km/h.

In 10 years, futurist Morris Miselowski predicts one in four cars sold in WA will be fully automated and in 20 years it will be widely accepted.

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick expects the firm's US fleet to be driverless by 2030. Car-ownership – already in decline – will be a rarity in 50 years, Miselowski says.

RAC supports the technology, saying it has the potential to reduce Perth's congestion and eliminate human error. Driverless trucks could mean significant cost-savings in freighting goods to the west.

According to the RAC, many mainstream vehicle manufacturers as well as some software companies are now designing and testing driverless vehicle systems, and some experts predict the release of fully autonomous production vehicles as early as 2017. The predicted road safety and broader mobility benefits of driverless cars includes estimates of up to a 90 per cent reduction in crashes.

## INDUSTRY UPDATE (cont)



Curtin University

### Women in MBA Scholarships Now Available

Curtin Business School is actively encouraging more women to study an MBA with the launch of 30 new scholarships as part of the Women in MBA program (WiMBA). The new scholarships aim to increase the proportion of female MBA students at Curtin Business School from 30 per cent to 40 per cent over the next two years. The scholarships are being offered to women to complete their MBA in a partnership with their employer. Each scholarship is worth \$20,000. In order to qualify, the corporate partner must contribute a minimum of \$10,000 per nominated recipient.

The WiMBA program encourages diversity in leadership by partnering with business to identify top female employees and supporting them through an MBA. It is driven by an internal sponsor – a key employee of the corporate partner – who nominates company employees on the basis that they are potential future leaders of the company. The WiMBA information sheet can be found [here](#).

For information on scholarship eligibility criteria and to apply, please visit the [Curtin Scholarships website](#). For more questions contact the Curtin Graduate School of Business by phone: +61 8 9266 3460 or email: [enquiries@gsb.curtin.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@gsb.curtin.edu.au)



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and Workforce Development

### New Information Brochure for Employers

The [Workplace Essentials Website](#), developed by the Department of Training and Workforce Development, together with a number of project partners, 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.

A new brochure for employers on investing in the experience of mature-age workers has been produced and is now available [here](#).

## TRAINING UPDATE



### Request for Research Proposals

NCVER, on behalf of the Australian Government and state and territory governments, seeks experienced researchers to conduct high quality research relevant to the contemporary tertiary education and training environment.

This funding round is seeking proposals under three specific topic areas pertinent to policy and the operations of the vocational education sector identified in NCVER's Research Prospectus:

- Meeting skill demand for the future
- New delivery and assessment modes (emerging technology)
- Future-proofing the VET workforce

Instructions for applicants can be obtained from the links below, or by contacting Tabatha Griffin on + 61 8 8230 8431 or email [funding.round@ncver.edu.au](mailto:funding.round@ncver.edu.au)

Proposals to be submitted by 5pm Wednesday 13 April 2016.

[Information kit](#)

[Proposal template](#)

## TRAINING UPDATE (cont)



Australian Government  
Australian Skills Quality Authority



Training Matters



### ASQA Training Providers Briefing Sessions

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) will commence its 2016 training provider briefing sessions shortly. More than 4,200 people have already registered for one of the 36 sessions happening across Australia. While 16 sessions have reached full capacity, it's not too late to register to attend a briefing.

Click [here](#) to register for the remaining Perth session on Thursday 26 May.

#### Live webcast

If you are interested in attending a briefing, but are unable to attend a session in person, ASQA will also be hosting a live webinar of the information presented at the face-to-face briefings on:

[Thursday, 12 May from 9:30—11:00 am AEST \(Register now\)](#)

[Monday, 23 May from 1:00—2:30 pm AEST \(Register now\)](#).

### Training Matters—March Issue 2016

The March issue of Training Matters is now available [here](#).

Training Matters is published quarterly by the Department of Training and Workforce Development and distributed to training practitioners, employers, registered training organisations, industry stakeholders, Government and industry leaders.

### VOCEDplus

VOCEDplus is a free international research database for tertiary education, especially as it relates to workforce needs, skills development, and social inclusion. It encompasses vocational education and training (VET), higher education, adult and community education, informal learning, and VET in Schools.

The VOCEDplus Pod Network is a new resource that captures information pertinent to current vocational education and training (VET) research and presents it within thematically arranged 'Pod' pages, making access to this information quick, easy and direct. More specific topics within these themes are presented within smaller Pods, called Podlets. To get an overview and demonstration of the new VOCEDplus Pod Network, join us for a free webinar on Thursday 7 April 2016 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm ACST. More information about the webinar, including how to register is available on the NCVET Portal.

Check out the @VOCEDplus Industry Pod: resources on how education is responding to skill demand [here](#).

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