

USEFUL LINKS

Here are some useful links that you may wish to explore, including information about other workforce development initiatives, Australian Industry Skills Councils, peak industry bodies, Australian Government and State/Territory training agencies, Australian Economic Indicator and data sources, training research organisations and vocational education and training (VET) information.

Australian Workforce Planning & Development Initiatives

- Australian Workforce Planning Standards <http://www.standards.org.au>
- Business Victoria Skills for Growth http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/STANDARD//pc=pc=PC_62573.html
- Government of Tasmania - Better Workplaces Kit <http://www.development.tas.gov.au/betterworkplaces>
- Innovation & Business Skills Australia, *What's in it for me? A strategy for engaging small and micro business operators in learning* <http://www.ibsa.org.au/Portals/ibs.org.au/docs/Resources/BSB07%20Small%20&%20Micro%20business%20resources/Engagement%20strategy%20v6.pdf>
- Literacy and numeracy resources for workplace trainers and assessors covering 32 different industry sectors <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/LiteracyNet/IndustryResources/Pages/Overview.aspx>
- Mining Industry Skills Strategy <http://www.miskillscentre.com.au/media/70159/strategyskills.pdf>
- New South Wales Government - Seek Train Attract & Retain (STAR) https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/industryprograms/client_information/star_employers.htm
- SkillsDMC Coal Workforce Planning Project <http://www.skillsdmc.com.au/Workforce-Planning/default.aspx>
- South Australia Government Workforce Information Service <http://www.workforceinfoservice.sa.gov.au>
- South Australia Workforce Development Showcase <http://www.workforceinfoservice.sa.gov.au/industryinfo/wdshowcase>
- South Australia Workforce Development Research Consortium <http://www.workforceinfoservice.sa.gov.au/workforcedev/researchconsortium>
- TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute, Australian Workforce Development Solutions <http://www.awds.edu.au/index.htm>

Australian Industry Skills Councils

- Industry Skills Councils' Collective Website <http://www.isc.org.au>
- Agri-Food Industry Skills Council <http://www.agrifoodskills.net.au>
- Community Services & Health Industry <http://www.cshisc.com.au>
- Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council <http://www.cpsisc.com.au>
- EE-Oz Training Standards <http://www.ee-oz.com.au>
- ForestWorks <http://www.forestworks.com.au>
- Government Skills Australia <http://www.gsaisc.net.au>
- Innovation & Business Skills Australia <http://www.ibsa.org.au>
- Manufacturing Skills Australia <http://www.mskills.com.au>

- SkillsDMC (National Industry Skills Council for the drilling, mining, quarrying and civil infrastructure industries) <http://www.skillsdmc.com.au>
- Services Skills Australia <http://www.serviceskills.com.au>
- Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council (TDT Australia) <http://www.tdtaustralia.com>

Commonwealth & State/Territory Government Training Agencies

- ACT Department of Education and Training <http://www.det.act.gov.au>
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations <http://www.deewr.gov.au>
- New South Wales Department of Education and Training <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au>
- Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts <http://www.det.qld.gov.au>
- Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training <http://www.deet.nt.gov.au>
- Skills Tasmania <http://www.education.tas.gov.au>
- South Australia Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs <http://www.dest.gov.au>
- Victoria Office of Training and Tertiary Education <http://www.otte.vic.gov.au>
- Western Australian Department of Education and Training <http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education>

Peak Australian Employer and Employee Industry Bodies

- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry <http://www.acci.asn.au>
- Australian Council of Trade Unions <http://www.actu.asn.au>
- Australian Industry Group <http://www.aigroup.asn.au>
- Business Council of Australia <http://www.bca.com.au>
- Housing Industry Association <http://hia.com.au>
- National Farmers' Federation <http://www.nff.org.au>
- Minerals Council of Australia <http://www.nff.org.au>

Economic Indicators and Data Sources (Australia)

- The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes data (free of charge) on a extensive range of economic and labour market indicator indicators and can be accessed at <http://www.abs.gov.au>
- Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI) Survey of Investor Confidence (quarterly) <http://www.acci.asn.au/SurveySOIC.htm>
- ACCI Small Business Survey <http://www.acci.asn.au/SurveySBS.htm>
- ACCI – Westpac Survey of Industrial Trends <http://www.acci.asn.au/SurveyACCIWestpac.htm>
- Australian Industry Group (AIG) surveys
 - ▶ AIG Special Survey Australian Business & the Global Economic and Financial Crisis <http://www.aigroup.com.au/economicindicators/abs>
 - AIG – Pricewaterhouse Coopers Performance of Manufacturing Index (monthly) <http://www.aigroup.com.au/economicindicators/pmi>
 - ▶ AIG – Commonwealth Bank Performance of Services Index (monthly) <http://www.aigroup.com.au/economicindicators/psi>

- ▶ AIG – Housing Industry Association Performance of Construction Index (monthly) <http://www.aigroup.com.au/economicindicators/pci>
- ANZ Bank Economic Outlook (quarterly) <http://www.anz.com/aus/corporate/Economic-Research-And-Publications/Economic-Research/Economic-Outlook/default.asp>
- Commonwealth Bank – ACCI Business Expectations Survey (quarterly) <http://www.acci.asn.au/SurveyBES.htm>
- The Department of Employment Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) produces a number of statistical publications about the Australian labour market. These include:
 - ▶ It's Leading indicator of employment <http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Publications/LabourMarketAnalysis/LeadingIndicatorEmployment/DEEWRMonthlyLeadingIndicatorofEmployment-LatestRelease.htm>
 - ▶ Job Vacancy Report <http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Publications/ResearchStats/LabourMarketAnalysis/VacancyReports>
- Melbourne Institute Monthly Bulletin of Economic Trends <http://melbourneinstitute.com/research/macro/bulletin.html>
- National Australia Bank
 - ▶ Monthly Business Survey http://www.nab.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/nab/nab/home/business_solutions/10/1/4/
 - ▶ Quarterly Business Survey http://www.nab.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/nab/nab/home/business_solutions/10/1/5/
- Sensis Consumer Report (quarterly) <http://www.about.sensis.com.au/resources/scr.php>
- Sensis Business Index – Small and Medium Enterprises (quarterly) <http://www.about.sensis.com.au/resources/sbi.php>

Research Organisations/Websites

- Australian Institute for Social Research <http://www.aisr.adelaide.edu.au/projects/workforcedev>
- NCVER <http://www.ncver.edu.au>
- Dusseldorp Skills Forum <http://www.dsf.org.au>
- VOCED Research Database <http://www.voced.edu.au/about/whatis.html>

State/Territory Skills Commissions & Training Boards

- ACT Skills Commission <http://www.actskillscommission.org.au>
- New South Wales - Board of Vocational Education and Training <http://www.bvet.nsw.gov.au>
- Skills Tasmania Board <http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/skills-tasmania-board>
- South Australia - Training and Skills Commission <http://www.training.sa.gov.au/tasc>
- Victorian Skills Commission <http://www.vsc.vic.gov.au>
- Western Australia - State Training Board <http://www.stb.wa.gov.au>

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Information

- Training.com.au <http://www.training.com.au>
- National Training Information Service <http://www.ntis.gov.au>

- Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service <http://www.natinfo.com.au>
- Australian Flexible Learning Framework <http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au>