

Project Title: Barriers and Drivers for Bricklaying Apprenticeships

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Through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), CPSISC has been funded to undertake a project which aims to 'identify the barriers presently hindering the take-up of New Apprenticeships in Bricklaying & Blocklaying (i.e. General Construction - Bricklaying/Blocklaying)'.

CPSISC has contracted the consulting firm Altegis Group to manage the project, which is designed to gain a deeper understanding of the issues currently being faced by the bricklaying/blocklaying industry as regards the training of new entrants into this sector of the construction industry, and will involve consultation across Australia.

The project is being oversighted by a Steering Committee with representatives from a wide variety of stakeholder groups.

On 4 December 2008, the Steering Committee met for the first time in Melbourne. At this meeting, agreement was reached on a process for conducting the project, which included desktop research, surveys to apprentices, employers and training organisations throughout Australia, as well as the facilitation of stakeholder forums in:

- Western Australia
- New South Wales
- Victoria
- Queensland

Dates and venues for the forums are currently being arranged.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the project should contact Tim Powers on 0425 873 733 or Jude Walker on 03 5263 2514.

Regular updates on this project will be posted on the CPSISC website