

CPSISC Media Release

Government joins industry with \$50 million for more training places.

The Minister for Education and Employment, Julia Gillard, recently announced the Australian Government will co-fund almost 11,000 extra training places for existing workers in small, medium and large business to boost skills in high demand.

The Australian Government, in partnership with industry, has immediately committed \$40 million to the Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program (EBPPP). A second round of funding of \$10 million will be allocated before July 2010 to deliver an estimated 2,700 additional training places.

The partnership also highlights the industry's commitment to the ongoing development of the workforce with their contribution of over \$15.5 million to meet the costs of training.

The rollout of the EBPPP will mean more than 2,350 businesses across the nation will have the opportunity to upgrade their workforce to increase the skills of existing workers, especially those on the priority occupations list.

Under the new program, the Government will provide up to 90 per cent of the cost of training from Certificate III to Advanced Diploma level, depending on the size of the business. CPSISC will work with small, medium and large enterprises, and industry bodies to help them carry out the training.

Ms Gillard said the national Industry Skills Council network were a perfect fit for the program, with specialised knowledge on the delivery of skills training to help enterprises navigate the vocational education and training system.

The program is part of the larger Productivity Places Program (PPP). It will create training pathways, recognise the existing skills of workers and provide training to increase the skills of the Australian workforce.

It follows a successful trial last year where more than 1,200 workers received valuable training.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the second round of the EBPPP, please go to: www.cpsisc.com.au or contact James Latimore, Workforce Development Manager, CPSISC on Phone: 02 6253 0002 or Email: james.latimore@cpsisc.com.au

To view The Hon Julia Gillard MP's Media Release, click on the below link:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100329_132417.aspx

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