

# SKILLS UPLIFT PILOT PROGRAM

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Feedback from stakeholders indicates part-qualifications could support more efficiency and flexibility in the vocational training system to meet industry skills needs and allow workers to quickly acquire the skills and competencies necessary to enter the workforce or change industries.

Under the new *Skills Uplift* program, the Victorian Government is piloting the development and funded delivery of skill sets training.

*Skills Uplift* provides participants with the necessary skills and competencies to gain entry-level employment. The pilot program is limited to supporting the Civil Construction industry and the skills needs of the Gippsland region.

All skill sets have been designed in conjunction with local employers to meet current and specific industry skills needs.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Commencing in May 2018, the Government will pilot *Skills Uplift* initiatives in two areas.

**'Skills Uplift – Civil Construction'** provides participants with the entry-level skills and knowledge necessary to gain employment in the civil construction industry on a range of major infrastructure and civil construction projects across the state.

A number of skill sets have been developed to support an individual's entry into employment in a range of roles in the industry, including labouring, traffic management, and plant operations.

All skill sets under this program include training in the Construction Induction (White Card), a mandatory requirement for anyone working in the construction industry.

**'Skills Uplift - Gippsland'** provides participants with the entry-level skills and knowledge necessary to gain employment in one of many

industries in areas where there is genuine local job growth and employer demand.

Skill sets will support employment into a range of industries in the region and have been developed to meet the requirements of local employers and their job roles.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

*Skills Uplift* is focused on providing individuals with the necessary skills and competencies to gain employment and is therefore only available for unemployed and underemployed participants.

Individuals referred from a Skills and Job Centre or Jobs Victoria partner, who hold Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency, are eligible to participate in one *Skills Uplift* skill set.

Eligible participants will need to be provided with a referral letter from a Skills and Job Centre or Jobs Victoria partner. Enclosed in this information pack is a referral letter template which must be completed for the applicant to be able to participate in *Skills Uplift*.

An individual's future eligibility to participate in *Skills First* subsidised training is not impacted by their participation in this pilot.

## MORE INFORMATION

A small number of TAFEs and Training Providers have been invited to participate in this pilot. Local providers will contact you directly to inform you of the details of the skill set training they have on offer and the number of places available.

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