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New apprentices to benefit from intensive support

Over 40,000 apprentices in industries undergoing structural change are set to benefit from intensive support in their first two years of training

Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills Karen Andrews announced the commencement of the program at Gold Coast tourism icon Sea World, alongside ambitious apprentices who is developing their skills and contributing to the local tourism industry.

“I’m very pleased to be announcing the 24 organisations which have been selected through a comprehensive tender process to deliver the new Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices (ISMAA) program.

“The new program, funded by a \$60 million investment from the Turnbull Government, will substantially build upon support provided through the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network and aims to significantly increase retention and completion rates for apprentices in industries undergoing structural change,” Minister Andrews said.

“An industry specialist mentoring service will be provided to Australian Apprentices in industries as diverse as automotive repair, manufacturing, mining, construction, tourism and health.

“Mentors will be highly skilled and possess detailed knowledge that will allow them to address particular career and skills development concerns related to their industry.”

Minister Andrews said the successful organisations will provide regular one-to-one mentoring services with their expert knowledge of the industry and support for apprentices in the crucial first two years of training.

“The new industry mentors will help both apprentices and businesses, especially those who need it most to stay on track to complete their apprenticeship,” Minister Andrews said.

“As well as assisting apprentices in industries going through structural change, around the country the mentoring program will also support people who’ve been retrenched, those who have experienced long term unemployment, those previously not engaged in employment or training, mature aged Australians, and people from regional areas.”

For more information, visit: <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/> from 9am Wednesday, January 31.

A list of the successful providers is below:

Provider Name	Industry Name	Region
AMA Services (WA) Pty Ltd	Health Care and Social Assistance	Perth Metropolitan, Peel Region
Apprenticeships Are Us	Automotive Repair and Maintenance	New South Wales & Victoria
Directions Workforce Solutions Inc.	Building and Construction Manufacturing	Wheatbelt WA
ElectroComms & EnergyUtilities Industry Skills Council Ltd	Electrical	Canberra & Region, Sydney & Region, Northern Territory, Brisbane & Region, Adelaide & Region, Tasmania, Melbourne & Region
Furnishing Industry Association of Australia Limited	Cabinet Making / Furniture Manufacturing	Central Coast NSW, Illawarra, Riverina, Central West NSW, Mid North Coast, Southern Highlands/Shoalhaven, Coffs Harbour/Grafton, New England/North West, Sydney Metropolitan, Far West Orana, Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, Sydney South West, Hunter Valley, Richmond, Tweed Coast, Adelaide, Port Pirie, Barossa Valley, Port Augusta, Adelaide Hills, Gawler, Eyre Peninsula, Murray Bridge, Whyalla, Port Lincoln, ACT and Queanbeyan region
Gippsland Group Training Limited	Civil Construction	Adelaide, Melbourne, La Trobe/Gippsland
Group Training South West (Inc.)	Construction Health Care and Social Assistance	South West WA
HGT Australia Ltd	Construction Administrative and Support Services Health Care and Social Assistance Manufacturing and Transport/Logistics	North Sydney/Central Coast NSW, Newcastle NSW, Hunter Valley NSW, Mid North Coast, Nambucca Valley NSW, Coffs Harbour NSW, Northern Rivers NSW, South East QLD
Hospitality Training Network Ltd	Accommodation and Food Services	ACT, Central Coast NSW, Mid & Far North Coast NSW, Newcastle & Hunter NSW, Sydney & Region NSW
Housing Industry Association Ltd	Building Construction, Building Structure Services, Installation Trade Services, Building Completion Services, Other Construction Services, Structural Metal Product Manufacturing, Prefabricated Building	National

	Manufacturing, Furniture Manufacturing (Cabinet Making), Site Preparation Services, Non Building Construction	
MEGT (Australia) Ltd	Construction	New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria
MEGT (Australia) Ltd	Health Care and Social Assistance	New South Wales, Queensland
MEGT (Australia) Ltd	Other Services (Repair and Maintenance)	New South Wales, Victoria
MRAEL Limited	Construction	Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan-Beaudesert, Moreton Bay
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)	Building Installation Services	National
NSW Business Chamber Limited	Furniture and Other Manufacturing Printing Accommodation Cafes, Restaurants and Takeaway Food Services Clubs (Hospitality)	Sydney Newcastle Illawarra Lake Macquarie
Restaurant and Catering Industry Association of Australia Incorporated	Cafes, Restaurants and Takeaway Food Services	Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria
Sarina Russo Job Access (Australia) Pty Ltd	Construction	Queensland
Skill Hire WA Pty Ltd	Construction	Geraldton and the Mid-West, Goldfields, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Wheatbelt, Perth Metropolitan, Peel, South West, Bunbury and Busselton, The Great Southern, Albany
Skillset Ltd	Mining Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing Metal Product Manufacturing Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction Repair and Maintenance Construction Services Construction	Western NSW New England
The Australian Industry Group	Manufacturing	New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria
The Busy Group Ltd	Public Order and Safety Services Retail Trade	Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Moreton Bay, Darling Downs, Logan/Beaudesert
The Busy Group Ltd	Construction (310)	Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Moreton Bay, Mackay/Isaac/Whitsunday, Central QLD, Townsville
The Busy Group Ltd	Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Services	Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Moreton Bay, Darling Downs, Logan/ Beaudesert, Central Qld, Mackay/Isaac/Whitsunday, Townsville
The Busy Group Ltd	Accommodation and Food Services	Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Moreton Bay, Darling Downs, Logan/ Beaudesert, Central Qld, Mackay/Isaac/Whitsunday, Townsville

The Busy Group Ltd	Manufacturing (Meat and Meat Product Manufacturing Industry)	Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Moreton Bay, Darling Downs, Logan/Beaudesert, Mackay/Isaac/Whitsunday, Central QLD, Townsville, Central West NSW, Coffs Harbour/Grafton, Far West/Orana, Illawarra, Mid North Coast, Murray, New England/North West NSW, Riverina, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Hume, La Trobe, Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula, North West VIC, Shepparton, Warrnambool and South West VIC, South Australia/South East, Bunbury, Mandurah, Perth, Darwin, NT Outback
The Busy Group Ltd	Construction (301-329)	Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Moreton Bay, Darling Downs, Logan/ Beaudesert, Central Qld, Mackay/Isaac/Whitsunday, Townsville
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The Motor Trades Association of Queensland Industrial Organisation of Employers	Automotive	Queensland
The Motor Trade Association of South Australia	Automotive	South Australia
Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce	Automotive Repair and Maintenance	Tasmania and Victoria
Westvic Staffing Solutions Inc.	Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming Dairy Cattle Farming Auto Repair and Maintenance Machinery and Equipment Repair and Maintenance Structural Metal Product Other Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	Barwon Central Highlands VIC Great South Coast VIC

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