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1. 2019-20 SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT REVIEW NOTICES AND 2020-21 INDICATIVE ALLOCATIONS OF PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL CAPS

a. 2019-20 Contract Review Notices

The Department has now issued Smart and Skilled Contract Review Notices for the 2019-20 Activity Period. Most Providers received an email notification directing them to their Review Notice, which is available on the Contract Acceptance page of STS online.

Alternatively some Providers received a Review Notice via email from the Smart and Skilled Application email account.

Providers must accept or decline as instructed **by the date shown on their Review Notice.**

To view and accept the Review Notice offer including the contract documents in STS Online, **please ensure the filter for the 2019-20 Activity Period is selected on the Contract Acceptance page.**

Please refer to the guide *How to accept your Smart and Skilled Contract, Review Notice and Variations* which is available through STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents for further details.

b. 2020-21 Indicative programs and Financial Caps allocations

Most Providers will have also received an indicative allocation of programs and Financial Caps for the 2020-21 Activity Period on the same day as receiving a Review Notice for the 2019-20 Activity Period. While this is not a guarantee of a contract for 2020-21, the indicative allocations are issued to assist your organisation by providing a longer term view of possible funding beyond the next Activity Period.

The Department is investigating incorporating additional performance indicators such as student outcomes and satisfaction into the allocation of Financial Caps of programs, regions and qualifications and strengthening the alignment of allocations to regional skills needs, which may mean that the actual Financial Caps and Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules for 2020-21 varies from the indicative allocations.

If you have any questions about your Review Notice for the 2019-20 Activity Period or Indicative Financial Caps for the 2020-21 Activity Period, please contact your Strategic Relationship Manager.

2. CHANGES TO SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND OPERATING GUIDELINES 2019-20

With effect from 1 July 2019, there are several changes to the *Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions*, *Smart and Skilled Operating Guidelines* and related policies for the 2019-20 Activity Period.

The following tables set out the sections and clauses in the Contract and Operating Guidelines which contain changes and additions.

a. Summary of changes to *Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions 2019-20*

| Section / clause | Heading |
|------------------|-------------|
| General | Terminology |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| General | Throughout the Contract the To be clear statements have been removed. |
| 2(c) and (d) | Purpose and Objectives |
| 4.2(a) | Details in Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules |
| 4.5(a) and (b) | Changes to Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules |
| 5 | Term |
| 6(b) and (c) | Review of the Contract |
| 7(d), (e), (h), (l), and (o) | Provider general obligation |
| 8 | Other Funding |
| 9 | Notification of Enrolment Process |
| 12 | Transferring student |
| 13 | Records and reporting |
| 15 | Reporting of Training Activity Data |
| 17 | Fee |
| 19 | Financial Caps |
| 21.2 | Termination, suspension or variation for default |
| 30 | Change in Control |
| 31 | Subcontracting and Brokering Arrangements |
| 34 | Priority |

b. Summary of changes to *Smart and Skilled Operating Guidelines 2019-20*

| Section / Clause | Heading |
|------------------|---|
| 6 | Notification of Enrolment Process |
| 13.1 | Enrolled Students (except Apprentices and Trainees) |
| 17.2 | Record Keeping Requirements |
| 18 | Reporting Training Activity Data |
| 18.6 | Checklist for reporting Training Activity Data |
| 19.3 | Requirement to Provide information |
| 19.6 | Internal Review |

3. SMART AND SKILLED POLICY FOR MARKET MANAGEMENT IN THE 2019-20 ACTIVITY PERIOD

A revised policy for Market Management is included in Smart and Skilled Contracts for 2019-20 and sets out:

- Smart and Skilled priorities for managing the supply of training including Financial Caps
- Financial Caps – Provider responsibilities, over-committing / exceeding Financial Caps
- Monitoring and adjusting of Financial Caps by the Department
- Provider requests to vary Financial Caps
- Adding and removing Approved Qualifications

- Adding the Entitlement Apprenticeships and Traineeships (EAT) and/or School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT) programs to a Smart and Skilled Contract
- Applications for a Smart and Skilled Contract

Providers must comply with the policy. The policy is available on the Contract Acceptance page of STS Online within the PDF titled *Operating Guidelines and Policies*. It can also be accessed through STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

4. REVISED SMART AND SKILLED FEE ADMINISTRATION POLICY (VERSION 2.0) AND SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS PROGRAM FEE ADMINISTRATION POLICY (VERSION 2.0) RELEASED

Updated versions of the *Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy (version 2.0)* and *School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program Fee Administration Policy (version 2.0)* have been released.

These new versions apply from the date of issue of Review Notices.

a. Changes to the *Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy*

A table of contents has been added and sections have been numbered for ease of reference. Additional changes include:

| Section | Sub-Section | Page | Change |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 2 | 2.3 Charging Fees | 2 | Added clarification as to whom the Provider can charge the student fee. Added additional text and examples to clarify what a Provider cannot charge a student for. |
| | 2.4 Fee categories | 3 | Removed duplication in relation to eligibility and evidence requirements previously contained in this section as well as in Section 3 and Appendix 3. |
| | 2.5 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer | 3 | Added examples of how student fees are calculated when Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer (CT) are granted. Included definition of RPL and CT. |
| | 2.7 Student fees for part qualifications | 4 | Added additional text to clarify the fees applicable for students undertaking part qualifications. |
| | 2.8 Student fees if a part qualification(s) has been achieved | 5 | Added this section to distinguish between the fees a student pays under a part-qualification (2.7) as opposed to the fee a student pays if they have previously achieved one or more part-qualifications. |
| | 2.9 Fees for continuing students | 5 | Removed as no longer relevant. |
| | 3 | 3.5 Fee free training | 7 |
| 4.2 Charging for additional training | | 4 | Added clarification relating to charging for UoCs delivered above and beyond the packaging rules of a qualification. |
| Appendix 3 | | 17 | Amended the notes at the end of the section to give clarity about a Provider's obligations in relation to evidence. |
| | | | Removed duplication in relation to eligibility and evidence requirements previously contained in this section as well as in Section 2 and Section 3. |

| Section | Sub-Section | Page | Change |
|-------------------|-------------|------|---|
| | | | Removed green Medicare card as a form of evidence for Australian Citizens, New Zealand Citizens and Permanent Australian residents. |
| | | | A green Medicare card, along with a student declaration, remains as an eligible form of evidence for ATSI students. |
| Appendix 5 | | 23 | Removed duplicate text about evidence already in Appendix 3. |
| Appendix 6 | | | Eligible postcodes for ATSI students removed from this document as the table already exists in the Operating Guidelines. |
| | | 25 | Added clarification on eligibility of bridging visas. |

b. Changes to the *School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program Fee Administration Policy*

A table of contents has been added and sections have been numbered for ease of reference. Additional changes include:

| Section | Sub-Section | Page | Change |
|-------------------|---|------|---|
| 2 | 2.2 Charging Fees | 2 | Added clarification as to whom the Provider can charge the student fee. |
| | | | Added additional text and examples to clarify what a Provider cannot charge a student for. |
| | 2.3 Fee categories | 2 | Removed duplication in relation to eligibility and evidence requirements previously contained in this section as well as in Section 3 and Appendix 1. |
| | 2.4 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer | 2 | Added examples of how student fees are calculated when Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer (CT) are granted. |
| | | | Included definition of RPL and CT. |
| 3 | 2.6 Fees for continuing students | 4 | Removed as no longer relevant. |
| | 3.4 Fee free training | 5 | Added clarification relating to students transitioning from school-based apprenticeships into full apprenticeships. |
| | 3.5 Evidence of eligibility | 6 | Added section to provide clarity on the evidence requirements. |
| | | | Removed duplication in relation to eligibility and evidence requirements previously contained in this section as well as in Section 2 and Appendix 1. |
| 4 | 4.1 Incidental expenses | 7 | Updated section to align with the Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy. |
| | 4.2 Charging for additional training | | Added clarification relating to charging for UoCs delivered above and beyond the packaging rules of a qualification. |
| Appendix 1 | | 12 | Amended the notes at the end of the section to give clarity about a Provider's obligations in relation to evidence. |
| | | | Removed duplication in relation to eligibility and evidence requirements previously contained in this section as well as in Section 2 and Section 3. |

5. PROVIDER QUALITY AND PROVIDER MANAGEMENT APPROACH FOR 2019-20 ACTIVITY PERIOD

The Department is committed to a quality NSW VET Market. The Department will continue to subsidise Smart and Skilled Providers that deliver quality training to students to learn the skills they need to get a job or advance their career.

The Department undertakes performance monitoring and contract compliance activities. In the 2019-20 Activity Period, the Department will transition to a transparent, whole of contract, Provider management approach. This approach will see performance monitoring activities and contract compliance move to a three tiered approach:

1. Regular data driven clarification and contract performance reviews
2. Targeted comprehensive monitoring of training activity
3. Random spot checks of Provider performance.

For the 2019-20 Activity Period, the Department is focusing its targeted monitoring towards the quality of training and assessment delivered to community health and construction qualifications. The Department has chosen these areas of focus as it recognises the significant consequences on the VET market, NSW residents, students and employers of poor quality training and assessment.

Information sessions and consultation on the new Provider management approach will be held in the near future for Providers.

6. NSW SKILLS LIST UPDATE – VERSIONS 8.6 and 9.0 RELEASED

The NSW Skills List has been updated. This update covers changes as a result of the addition of new qualifications, updates to Training Packages, expiring accredited courses and updates to VTOs. Version 8.6 is the current version of the Skills List, while Version 9.0 will take effect for training that commences from 1 July 2019.

Versions 8.6 and 9.0 of the NSW Skills List are available at www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html.

a. New qualifications on the Skills List

Following the update to the Utilities and Electrotechnology VTO, the qualification in **Table 1** has been added to the Skills List as it can now be delivered as an apprenticeship in NSW:

Table 1

| Qualifications added to the NSW Skills List | |
|---|---|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| UEP40618 | Certificate IV in Large Scale Wind Generation |

i. Applying to deliver this qualification under Smart and Skilled

Approved Smart and Skilled Providers with the above qualification on their scope of registration in NSW may apply to deliver it using their current Financial Caps for the 2018-19 Activity Period if they expect to commence students in this period. Providers that have accepted a Review Notice for the 2019-20 Activity Period may also add the qualification if they have a relevant Financial Cap for that period.

Please contact your Strategic Relationship Manager to make a request to add the additional qualification to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule.

More information on how to add qualifications to your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules can be found in the *Smart and Skilled – Requesting additional Approved Qualifications(s) – Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule (AQAS) Adjustments guidelines* which are available through STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents.

b. Changes to the Skills List

The NSW Skills List has been updated as a result of revisions to the CPC, CPP and ICT Training Packages as well as replacements to accredited courses. These changes to the Skills List can be seen in **Tables 2-3**.

Table 2

| Equivalent superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List | | | |
|--|--|--------------|--|
| Previous code | Previous title | Current code | Replacement title |
| CPC30313 | Certificate III in Concreting | CPC30318* | Certificate III in Concreting |
| CPP30211 | Certificate III in Property Services (Agency) | CPP31519 | Certificate III in Real Estate Practice |
| ICT30115 | Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology | ICT30118* | Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology |
| ICT40115 | Certificate IV in Information Technology | ICT40118* | Certificate IV in Information Technology |
| ICT40415 | Certificate IV in Information Technology Networking | ICT40418* | Certificate IV in Information Technology Networking |
| ICT40515 | Certificate IV in Programming | ICT40518 | Certificate IV in Programming |
| ICT50115 | Diploma of Information Technology | ICT50118 | Diploma of Information Technology |
| ICT50315 | Diploma of Information Technology Systems Administration | ICT50318 | Diploma of Information Technology Systems Administration |
| ICT50415 | Diploma of Information Technology Networking | ICT50418 | Diploma of Information Technology Networking |
| ICT50715 | Diploma of Software Development | ICT50718 | Diploma of Software Development |

Table 3

| Accredited courses replaced on the NSW Skills List | | | |
|--|---|--------------|---|
| Previous code | Previous title | Current code | Replacement title |
| 10226NAT | Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes | 10768NAT | Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes |
| 10223NAT | Certificate III in Pathways to Further Study | 10769NAT | Certificate III in Pathways to Further Study |

c. Amendments to NSW Vocational Training Orders (VTOs)

i. Updates to VTOs

Following amendments to NSW VTOs, the relevant superseding qualifications in **Tables 2-3** with an asterisk (*) next to their qualification code can now be delivered under the apprenticeship or traineeship pathways that their corresponding superseded qualification could be delivered under.

ii. Apprenticeship and Traineeship updates

A number of superseding qualifications detailed in Smart and Skilled Update No. 70 can now be delivered under apprenticeship and traineeship pathways. **Tables 4-7** show the qualifications that can now be delivered as an apprenticeship/traineeship and school-based apprenticeship/traineeship.

Table 4

| Qualifications available as an apprenticeship | |
|---|---|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| AUM30218 | Certificate III in Automotive Manufacturing Technical Operations - Bus, Truck and Trailer |
| MSF30418 | Certificate III in Glass and Glazing |

Table 5

| Qualifications available as a traineeship | |
|---|--|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| AUM20218 | Certificate II in Automotive Manufacturing Production - Bus, Truck and Trailer |

Table 6

| Qualifications available as a school-based apprenticeship | |
|---|---|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| AUM30218 | Certificate III in Automotive Manufacturing Technical Operations - Bus, Truck and Trailer |
| MSF30418 | Certificate III in Glass and Glazing |

Table 7

| Qualifications available as a school-based traineeship | |
|--|--|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| AUM20218 | Certificate II in Automotive Manufacturing Production - Bus, Truck and Trailer |

Following consultation with industry, the school based traineeship pathways have been removed for the qualifications in **Table 8**.

Table 8

| Qualifications unavailable as a school-based traineeship | |
|--|---|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| CPC30812 | Certificate III in Roof Tiling |
| CPC32313 | Certificate III in Stonemasonry (Monumental/Installation) |

d. Changes in Version 9.0

Version 9.0 incorporates all the changes from Version 8.6 as shown above. In addition, following consultation with the baking industry, the following baking qualifications in **Table 9** will be removed from the Entitlement Full Qualification Program. This means they will only be available as an apprenticeship under Smart and Skilled from 1 July 2019 onwards.

Table 9

| Qualifications with their EFQ pathway removed in Version 9.0 | |
|--|--|
| Qualification Code | Qualification Title |
| FBP30217 | Certificate III in Plant Baking |
| FBP30417 | Certificate III in Bread Baking |
| FBP30517 | Certificate III in Baking |
| FDF30510 | Certificate III in Retail Baking (Cake and Pastry) |
| FDF30610 | Certificate III in Retail Baking (Bread) |
| FDF30710 | Certificate III in Retail Baking (Combined) |

7. SMART AND SKILLED PRICES AND FEES SCHEDULE – VERSIONS 8.6 and 9.0 RELEASED

The *Smart and Skilled Price and Fees Schedule* has been updated to reflect the new qualification added in **Table 1** and the updates to the NSW Skills List in **Tables 2-8**. Version 8.6 corresponds to Version 8.6 of the Skills List, while Version 9.0 will take effect for training that commences from 1 July 2019.

The changes outlined in a) and b) below relate to Version 9.0 of the Prices and Fees schedule.

a. Superseding qualification and accredited courses price changes for 2019-20 Activity Period

The Department has priced 67 superseding qualifications and accredited courses on the NSW Skills List introduced in 2018-19 on their own merits. As a result, the prices of 23 qualifications will increase and 16 qualifications will decrease for the 2019-20 Activity Period. The price changes can be seen in **Tables 10-11**.

Table 10 – Qualifications with price increase

| Previous Qualification Code | New Qualification Code | Qualification Title | Old Smart and Skilled Qualification Price | Price Change | New Smart and Skilled Qualification Price |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|--------------|---|
| AUR40716 | AUR40718 | Certificate IV in Automotive Body Repair Technology | \$5,600 | \$670 | \$6,270 |
| BSB41615 | BSB41618 | Certificate IV in Business (Procurement) | \$5,130 | \$1,180 | \$6,310 |
| CPC30313 | CPC30318 | Certificate III in Concreting | \$8,090 | \$2,980 | \$11,070 |
| MAR20313 | MAR20318 | Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal) | \$4,970 | \$760 | \$5,730 |
| MAR20413 | MAR20418 | Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 Near Coastal) | \$4,460 | \$580 | \$5,040 |
| MAR30813 | MAR30818 | Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 2 Near Coastal) | \$6,890 | \$720 | \$7,610 |
| MAR30913 | MAR30918 | Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Master up to 24 metres Near Coastal) | \$6,860 | \$790 | \$7,650 |
| MAR40513 | MAR40518 | Certificate IV in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 1 Near Coastal) | \$9,400 | \$770 | \$10,170 |
| MAR40613 | MAR40618 | Certificate IV in Maritime Operations (Master up to 35 metres Near Coastal) | \$8,170 | \$1,250 | \$9,420 |
| MSF30413 | MSF30418 | Certificate III in Glass and Glazing | \$12,260 | \$610 | \$12,870 |
| MSF50213 | MSF50218 | Diploma of Interior Design | \$14,300 | \$2,780 | \$17,080 |
| MSL50116 | MSL50118 | Diploma of Laboratory Technology | \$12,160 | \$1,530 | \$13,690 |

| Previous Qualification Code | New Qualification Code | Qualification Title | Old Smart and Skilled Qualification Price | Price Change | New Smart and Skilled Qualification Price |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|--------------|---|
| MSS50216 | MSS50218 | Diploma of Environmental Monitoring and Technology | \$11,670 | \$640 | \$12,310 |
| RGR20108 | RGR20218 | Certificate II in Racing Industry | \$4,350 | \$480 | \$4,830 |
| RGR30208 | RGR30218 | Certificate III in Racing (Stablehand) | \$7,780 | \$690 | \$8,470 |
| RGR30108 | RGR30518 | Certificate III in Racing (Trackwork Rider) | \$8,100 | \$680 | \$8,780 |
| RGR40108 | RGR40118 | Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer) | \$7,160 | \$1,500 | \$8,660 |
| RII32215 | RII32218 | Certificate III in Well Servicing Operations | \$5,870 | \$1,180 | \$7,050 |
| TLI22416 | TLI22418 | Certificate II in Furniture Removal | \$3,460 | \$470 | \$3,930 |
| TLI33516 | TLI33518 | Certificate III in Stevedoring | \$5,170 | \$940 | \$6,110 |
| UEG30114 | UEG30118 | Certificate III in Gas Supply Industry Operations | \$10,300 | \$950 | \$11,250 |
| UEG40114 | UEG40118 | Certificate IV in Gas Supply Industry Operations | \$12,530 | \$1,910 | \$14,440 |
| UEP30212 | UEP30218 | Certificate III in ESI Generation – Operations | \$10,560 | \$930 | \$11,490 |

Table 11 – Qualifications with price decrease

| Previous Qualification Code | New Qualification Code | Qualification Title | Old Smart and Skilled Qualification Price | Price Change | New Smart and Skilled Qualification Price |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|--------------|---|
| FDF40110 | FBP40318 | Certificate IV in Food Processing | \$11,660 | -\$1,560 | \$10,100 |
| FDF40311 | FBP40418 | Certificate IV in Food Science and Technology | \$12,090 | -\$660 | \$11,430 |
| MEA40615 | MEA40618 | Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Avionics) | \$18,040 | -\$3,610 | \$14,430 |

| Previous Qualification Code | New Qualification Code | Qualification Title | Old Smart and Skilled Qualification Price | Price Change | New Smart and Skilled Qualification Price |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|--------------|---|
| MEA40715 | MEA40718 | Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Mechanical) | \$17,350 | -\$2,790 | \$14,560 |
| MEA40915 | MEA40918 | Certificate IV in Aircraft Surface Finishing | \$13,770 | -\$1,410 | \$12,360 |
| MEA41015 | MEA41018 | Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Mechatronics) | \$20,830 | -\$1,490 | \$19,340 |
| MEA41315 | MEA41318 | Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Structures) | \$17,190 | -\$1,380 | \$15,810 |
| MEA50115 | MEA50118 | Diploma of Aeroskills (Avionics) | \$24,740 | -\$1,440 | \$23,300 |
| MEA50215 | MEA50218 | Diploma of Aeroskills (Mechanical) | \$32,870 | -\$2,100 | \$30,770 |
| MEA50315 | MEA50318 | Diploma of Aviation Maintenance Management (Avionics) | \$9,310 | -\$540 | \$8,770 |
| MEA50415 | MEA50418 | Diploma of Aviation Maintenance Management (Mechanical) | \$9,860 | -\$540 | \$9,320 |
| MSF30813 | MSF30818 | Certificate III in Flooring Technology | \$13,340 | -\$2,040 | \$11,300 |
| MSF40313 | MSF40318 | Certificate IV in Kitchen and Bathroom Design | \$13,950 | -\$1,550 | \$12,400 |
| MSL30116 | MSL30118 | Certificate III in Laboratory Skills | \$7,730 | -\$580 | \$7,150 |
| MSL40116 | MSL40118 | Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques | \$12,800 | -\$1,750 | \$11,050 |
| RGR40208 | RGR40218 | Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey) | \$10,580 | -\$2,570 | \$8,010 |

These price changes apply for training that commences in these qualifications from 1 July 2019

Note:

- There is no pricing data available for six superseding qualifications on the NSW Skills List introduced in 2018-19. For the purposes of this update, these superseding qualifications will

continue having the price of the preceding superseded qualification. Once data is available to price a superseding qualification its price will be reviewed and the price changed where necessary.

- While the prices for these superseding qualifications are changing, the student fees will remain at current rates.

b. Foundation Skills qualifications and accredited courses price changes for 2019-20 Activity Period

The Department undertook a review of prices of Foundation Skills qualifications and accredited courses on the NSW Skills List and as a result, the prices of 6 qualifications and 14 accredited courses will increase for the 2019-20 Activity Period. The price changes can be seen in **Table 12**.

Table 12

| Qualification/Course Code | Qualification/Course Title | Old Smart and Skilled Price | Price Change | New Smart and Skilled Price |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 10769NAT | Certificate III in Pathways to Further Study | \$4,860 | \$610 | \$5,470 |
| 10580NAT | Certificate II in Study Skills | \$3,240 | \$600 | \$3,840 |
| 10582NAT | Certificate I in Preparation for Work and Training | \$2,200 | \$630 | \$2,830 |
| 10583NAT | Certificate I in Access to Work and Training | \$2,860 | \$670 | \$3,530 |
| 10584NAT | Certificate II in Career Preparation | \$3,200 | \$410 | \$3,610 |
| 10585NAT | Certificate III in Career Advancement | \$4,750 | \$860 | \$5,610 |
| 10586NAT | Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways | \$5,160 | \$540 | \$5,700 |
| 10588NAT | Certificate I in Fundamental English for Speakers of Other Languages | \$2,200 | \$360 | \$2,560 |
| 10589NAT | Certificate II in Basic English for Speakers of Other Languages | \$2,970 | \$490 | \$3,460 |
| 10590NAT | Certificate II in Routine English for Speakers of Other Languages | \$2,970 | \$570 | \$3,540 |
| 10591NAT | Certificate II in Further Study Skills | \$3,350 | \$970 | \$4,320 |
| 10592NAT | Certificate III in English for Further Study | \$4,900 | \$930 | \$5,830 |
| 10593NAT | Certificate III in Advanced English for Further Study | \$5,560 | \$340 | \$5,900 |
| 22302VIC | Certificate I in Work Education | \$6,360 | \$2,050 | \$8,410 |
| FSK10113 | Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways | \$1,530 | \$200 | \$1,730 |
| FSK10213 | Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways | \$1,990 | \$350 | \$2,340 |

| Qualification/Course Code | Qualification/Course Title | Old Smart and Skilled Price | Price Change | New Smart and Skilled Price |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| FSK20113 | Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways | \$2,860 | \$600 | \$3,460 |
| ICT10115 | Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology | \$1,990 | \$350 | \$2,340 |
| PSP20218 | Certificate II in Auslan | \$4,260 | \$930 | \$5,190 |
| PSP30218 | Certificate III in Auslan | \$6,700 | \$3,870 | \$10,570 |

These price changes apply for training that commences in these qualifications/courses from 1 July 2019.

Note:

- There are no student fees for Foundations Skills qualifications and accredited courses under Smart and Skilled.

Versions 8.6 and 9.0 of the Smart and Skilled Prices and Fee Schedule are available at https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html.

8. SMART AND SKILLED FEE-FREE SCHOLARSHIPS TO CONTINUE

The NSW Government is committed to providing disadvantaged students with access to quality training and, as a result, the Fee Free Scholarships initiative is being extended beyond 30 June 2019. The current categories and eligibility rules will continue to apply.

9. OUTCOMES OF STAGE 3 FINANCIAL CAP MONITORING REVIEW FOR 2018-19

Further to Smart and Skilled Update No. 71 (14 February 2019), the Department has now finalised the outcomes of the 2018-19 Financial Caps monitoring process conducted during February and March 2019.

Providers offered to return unused portions of their 2018-19 Financial Caps and the Department has agreed to take back those amounts.

The Department has also agreed to the transfer of Financial Caps within Providers' contracts.

Additional funds have been allocated to some of the Providers that requested an increase to an existing Financial Cap. The decisions were based on demonstrated capacity to utilise the Financial Cap. Some new Financial Caps are allocated to Providers that demonstrated the new funding will provide training in the priority areas which were set out in Smart and Skilled Update No. 71.

a. Confirmation of all Financial Cap adjustment request outcomes

The Department is sending emails to all Providers that requested an adjustment to their Financial Caps setting out the outcome of their requests. These will be sent out **by 6 May 2019**.

b. Agreed reductions to Financial Caps

The Department will implement the reductions to and transfers out of 2018-19 Financial Caps as agreed by Providers **by 6 May 2019**.

c. Requests for additional Financial Caps or transfers from other Financial Caps – acceptance required

Providers who successfully requested additional Financial Caps and/or to transfer amounts from other Financial Caps will receive a further separate system generated email **by 6 May 2019**. These variations must be accepted or declined through STS Online. Please refer to the guide *How to accept your Smart and Skilled Contract, Review Notice and Variations* which is available through STS Online > Smart and Skilled Contract Management > Support Documents for further details.

To view and accept a variation offer, **please ensure the filter for the 2018-19 Activity Period is selected on the Contract Acceptance page.**

Please note that the expiry date of these offers is two (2) weeks from the date of notification, so having received notice of a variation, your organisation must accept or decline **by the date in the contract variation offer.**

Should you require any further information about your 2018-19 Financial Caps, please contact your Strategic Relationship Manager.

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