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MTA Training Department News- Expansion of Delivery

MTA NSW Can now delivery its Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship in Wollongong, Illawarra, Newcastle, Lower Hinter and the Central Coast.

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SUPPORT FOR MID-CAREER APPRENTICES

From 1 July 2007, workers who wish to upgrade their skills mid-career will attract new financial incentives to support their move from their current work to an apprenticeship at the Certificate III or IV level. The new incentives will be available for up to 10,000 people per year aged 30 and over who are starting an apprenticeship. People already on an apprenticeship in July 2007 will also be eligible.

Eligible workers who wish to gain a trade qualification will first talk to their employer. From 1 January 2007, interested workers and their employers can contact their local Australian Apprenticeships Centre for more details.

Which trades does this apply to?

Benefits under the Australian Government's Support for Mid-Career Apprentices initiative may be available to eligible Australian Apprentices in the following trades*:

- Motor Mechanic

- Auto Electrician
- Panel Beater
- Vehicle Painter

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Incentives for Higher Technical Skills

From 1 January 2007, more Australian workers will be supported to undertake Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications. Up to 24,800 people will benefit from the new arrangements over five years, at a cost of \$54 million. Employers will receive incentive payments of \$1,500 for each employee commencing a Diploma or Advanced Diploma program and \$2,500 when they complete.

- **CHC02 - Community Services Training Package**

CHC50202 - Diploma of Out of School Hours Care
 CHC50302 - Diploma of Children's Services
 CHC60202 - Advanced Diploma of Children's Services

- **HLT02 - Health Training Package**

HLT50502 - Diploma of Dental Technology
 HLT60402 - Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics

- **MEM05 - Metal and Engineering Training Package**

MEM50105 - Diploma of Engineering – Advanced Trade
 MEM50205 - Diploma of Engineering – Technical
 MEM60105 - Advanced Diploma of Engineering

- **PML04 - Laboratory Operations Training Package**

PML50104 - Diploma of Laboratory Technology
 PML60104 - Advanced Diploma of Laboratory Operations

- **RII06 - Civil Construction Training Package**

RII50106 - Diploma of Civil Construction Management
 RII50206 - Diploma of Civil Construction Design
 RII60106 - Advanced Diploma of Civil Construction Management
 RII60206 - Advanced Diploma of Civil Construction Design

- **UTE99 - Electro technology Industry Training Package**

UTE50299 - Diploma of Electrical Engineering
 UTE60299 - Advanced Diploma of Electrical Engineering

- **UTP98 - Electricity Supply Industry - Generation Training Package**

UTP50198 - Diploma of ESI Generation (Electrical / Electronics)

For more detail on employer incentives for Australian Apprenticeships you should contact your local Australian Apprenticeships Centre (AAC). You can find your local AAC by calling 13 38 73 or visiting www.australia.gov.au/skillsforthefuture

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Changes to workers compensation for Apprentices

For new or renewed policies commencing on or after 31 December 2006, the wages

you pay to an apprentice will no longer be used to assess your premium.

To be eligible you must:

Have a valid new or renewed workers compensation policy commencing on or after 31 December 2006.

Have entered into a NSW Department of Education and Training (NSW DET) approved 'Training Contract' with the apprentice in a designated trade vocation and the apprentice is identified in the training contract.

To receive the workers compensation exemption you must:

Provide details of the apprentices you employ including their wages and the relevant WorkCover Industry Classification on your workers compensation policy wages estimate and declaration forms.

Fulfill the conditions of the NSW DET Training Contract and the associated training plan and retain any documentation provided by NSW DET for wage audit purposes.

Ensure all information supplied is accurate and can be supported by documentation from NSW DET and other relevant agencies, such as the apprentice's registered training organisation.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Your workers compensation Scheme Agent

The NSW WorkCover Assistance Service on 13 10 50 or www.workcover.nsw.gov.au

Your nearest Australian Apprenticeships Centre (AAC). For a list of AACs in NSW, click on <http://apprenticeship.det.nsw.edu.au/html/nacs.htm> or phone the New Apprenticeships Referral Line on 1800 639 629.

The Department of Education and Training at

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/trainingindustry/index.htm> or phone your local State Training Centre on 13 28 11.

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School-based apprenticeships and traineeships

The Board of Studies is introducing a range of initiatives for 2007 to strengthen opportunities for school-based apprenticeships and traineeships as a part of the HSC. These initiatives include:

- a Board Endorsed Course - Industry-based Learning Stage 6 Course Description - to give HSC unit credit for the 'on-the-job' component of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.
- new Industry Curriculum Framework School-based Apprenticeship Courses in the Hospitality, Construction and Metal and Engineering Curriculum Frameworks.

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E-Learning Funding available

Training organisations wanting to incorporate e-learning into the delivery of education and training programs now have the opportunity to tap into more than \$5.8 million in funding. The funding comes from the national

training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework (Framework).

E-learning refers to the use of technology in the delivery of education and training. It includes the use of social networking software, as well as mobile-technologies, to create flexible learning options.

Expressions of Interest have now opened for registered training organisations and businesses through the following Framework projects:

- Industry Engagement - \$600,000 to embed e-learning in industry
- E-learning Networks - \$187,500 to develop online communities
- New Practices in Flexible Learning - \$320,000 to create innovative e-learning products and ideas
- Flexible Learning Toolboxes - \$901,751 to produce further Flexible Learning Toolboxes
- Indigenous Engagement - \$380,000 to strengthen e-learning opportunities in Indigenous communities
- In February, Expressions of Interest will open for the following Framework projects:
- LearnScope - \$2.8 million to provide professional development in new technologies
- Inclusive e-Learning - \$320,000 to provide e-learning opportunities for disengaged youth, older people and learners with disabilities
- Community Engagement - \$240,000 to foster e-learning in regional and remote Australia

For the latest information on funding opportunities from the Framework visit:

<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au>

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Writing the perfect funding application

Writing a tender or funding submission can be a difficult and time-consuming experience. Most grant and funding bodies receive many more applications than they can possibly accept, so it's important that your proposal is as good as it can be

<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/flx/go/home/news/flexlatest/cache/bypass?sector=flexlatest&id=2268>

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CRITICAL DATES for changes to AQTF in 2007

- Information sessions in all States and Territories – February/March 2007
- Guidance material published and distributed April 2007
- RTO Workshops on Essential Standards for Registration – April/June 2007
- Conditions of Registration, viewed, signed and returned before 1 July 2007
- Auditing against AQTF 2007 from 1 July 2007
- Excellence Criteria implemented from 1 January 2008

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