1. **2016 NSW Skills List Update – Version 2 released**

   a) **WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING MADE?**

   The 2016 NSW Skills List has been updated with effect from 14 December 2015.

   This Skills List update covers changes to qualifications as a result of:

   - Training Package revisions
   - Amendments to Vocational Training Orders (VTOs) in NSW.

   b) **TRAINING PACKAGE REVISIONS:**

   The majority of changes to the 2016 NSW Skills List are due to superseded qualifications being updated and replaced.

   In most cases, a superseded qualification is directly replaced with a current qualification.

   However, 6 qualifications have been deemed as equivalent (non-direct replacements) for the purposes of the 2016 NSW Skills List (see below).

   On your Smart and Skilled Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules, qualifications are assigned the status “superseded” or “current” and start and end dates will be applied.
i) **Which Training Packages are being updated?**

Qualifications from the following training packages are being updated on the 2016 NSW Skills List:

- Australian Meat Processing (AMP)
- Aviation (AVI)
- Water (NWP)
- Transport and Logistics (TLI)
- Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS)

**Direct replacement qualifications:**

2016 Activity Schedules are automatically updated with the current qualification where a superseded qualification is directly replaced.

The 2016 NSW Skills List update reflects any changes where a previous (“superseded”) qualification has been directly replaced by a new (“current”) qualification. A full list of these changes will be shortly uploaded to our website at [www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html).

- **Impact on Students**

Students who have *commenced training* in superseded qualifications are not affected by these changes unless ASQA Policy for superseded qualifications (direct replacements) requires the student to transition to the current qualification.

**Non-direct replacement qualifications:**

The following 6 qualifications on the 2016 NSW Skills List have been replaced by qualifications *that have been deemed as non-direct replacements for the purposes of the NSW Skills List.*

**Qualifications deemed as non-direct replacements for the purposes of the 2016 NSW Skills List (December 2015 update)**

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<td>TLI50410</td>
<td>Diploma of Logistics</td>
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<tr>
<td>AVI40108</td>
<td>Certificate IV in Aviation (Commercial Pilot Aeroplane Licence)</td>
<td>AVI50215</td>
<td>Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane)</td>
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• **Non-direct replacement “Current Qualifications” on scope**

Where you have the current qualification on scope, the qualification will be automatically added to your 2016 Activity Schedule(s) and the superseded qualification will remain on your 2016 Activity Schedule(s) until the transition period end date.

• **Non-direct replacement “Current Qualifications” not on scope**

Where you do not have the current qualification on scope, the superseded qualification will remain active on the 2016 Activity Schedule for the transition period to allow you time to add the current qualification to your scope. When the current qualification appears on training.gov.au, it will be added to your 2016 Activity Schedule the following day. If the current qualification does not appear on training.gov.au by the end of the transition period, you will not be able to commence new students in the qualification after this date.

**ii) Students enrolled in superseded qualifications:**

• **For students who have commenced training** (Notification of Enrolment completed, and a Commitment ID issued) no change is required. You should continue to report and submit data via eReporting against the superseded qualification.

• **For students who have commenced training** (Notification of Enrolment completed, and a Commitment ID issued) but **who are required to transition to the current qualification** due to ASQA policy or choose to transfer to the current qualification, no new Commitment ID is required.

After transitioning into the current qualification, you should update the student record in your student management system to the current qualification and Units of Competency (UoCs), and report against the updated qualification and UoCs when submitting data via eReporting. The UoCs for the superseded qualification are no longer reported. Credit transfers should only be reported if they were previously reported against the superseded qualification.

• **For students who have not commenced training**, you will not be able to enrol, complete Notification of Enrolments and obtain a Commitment ID in “superseded qualifications” after the qualification end date shown on the 2016 Activity Schedule.

**iii) Enrolling students in current qualifications:**

You will be able to enrol new students, complete Notification of Enrolments and obtain a Commitment ID in the current qualification only after it appears on the 2016 Activity Schedule, and from the day after the start date that appears on the 2016 Activity Schedule.
c) **AMENDMENTS TO NSW VTOs:**

The December update to the 2016 NSW Skills List includes 2 qualifications where amendments to VTOs have resulted in these qualifications being declared as traineeships:

| Qualifications previously available under Targeted Priorities Full Qualifications only – now also available as a traineeship |
|---|---|---|
| **Previous Qualification Code** | **Current Qualification Code** | **Current Qualification Name** |
| AVI50408 | AVI50415 | Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating) |
| CHC52015 | CHC52015 | Diploma of Community Services |

Further advice will be provided on the implications for providers approved to deliver these qualifications.

d) **PRICES, FEES AND SUBSIDIES:**

There has been no overall change to qualification prices as a result of this 2016 NSW Skills List update.

Please check the updated Prices, Fees and Subsidies schedule which will shortly be made available on our website at [www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html) to confirm student fees for current qualifications.

e) **DATA MAINTENANCE AND COURSE FINDER:**

All information held against the superseded qualification in the Data Maintenance facility in STS Online will transfer across to the current qualification.

The Provider and Course Information fields on the Smart and Skilled Course Finder on [www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au](http://www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au) will be updated with this new information.

2. **SUPERSEDED QUALIFICATIONS – TRANSITION PERIOD FOR COMMENCEMENTS**

The Department is introducing an extended transition period for superseded qualifications on the NSW Skills List, including those affected by Vocational Training Orders (VTOs), to align with national qualification transition period requirements administered by ASQA. Superseded qualifications from the 2016 NSW Skills List update of 14 December 2015 will have a transition period of twelve months from the date the qualification was superseded on training.gov.au.

Please note that qualifications superseded in previous NSW Skills List updates and VTOs will not change. They will retain the six-month transition period for commencements.
3. PRICES FOR ALL RECENTLY ENDORSED QUALIFICATIONS NOW RELEASED

As advised in Smart and Skilled Update No. 10 (30 October 2015), the 2016 NSW Skills List includes the addition of six recently endorsed qualifications which were not able to be priced at that time. Five of these qualifications have since been priced (refer to Smart and Skilled Update No. 12, 8 December 2015) and are available in the Provider Calculator. Students can now be enrolled into these courses.

The pricing for the remaining qualification is as follows:

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<th>Loading paid to RTO</th>
<th>Needs</th>
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<td>CHC42115</td>
<td>Certificate IV in Community Development</td>
<td>$1,970</td>
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<td>$8,180</td>
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This qualification will shortly be available in the Provider Calculator and you will be able to enrol students into this course as at that time.

4. NEW FACT SHEETS

You will find attached to this Smart and Skilled Update two new Smart and Skilled fact sheets on Smart and Skilled fee-free pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships:

- Fee-free pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships for school leavers (for training providers) smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/pre-apprenticeships-traineeships
- Fee-free pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships for school leavers (for students) https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-training-providers/support-information/fact-sheets

These fact sheets are also available from our website at the above URLs.

5. FINANCIAL CAPS IN 2016 - GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

A guide to Financial Caps in 2016 is now available in STS Online. Financial Caps for the 2016 Activity Period – Information for providers can be downloaded in STS Online from the Support Documents page under Smart and Skilled Contract Management.

The guide is a useful resource to help you understand and manage your Financial Caps in 2016 and builds on the information presented in our recent webinar on this topic.

6. KEEPING COURSE FINDER UP TO DATE

You should regularly check your organisation’s presence on the Smart and Skilled Course Finder at www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au to ensure all of your approved qualifications are showing and that your course delivery data is up-to-date.

Course delivery data can be updated in the Course Finder via Data Maintenance. For instructions on how to do this, please see the Smart and Skilled Data Maintenance User Guide, which is
available in STS Online, on the Support Documents page under Smart and Skilled Contract Management.

Remember, students do not know what training your organisation is offering under Smart and Skilled unless it appears in the Course Finder. Similarly, employers, Apprenticeship Network Providers and Group Training Companies use the Course Finder to locate training providers for their traineeships and apprenticeships. It is therefore important that your presence in the Course Finder is both current and complete.

7. CATCH UP ON OUR WEBINARS

Thanks again to everyone who joined us for the webinar on understanding and managing your Financial Caps in 2016 last Thursday. If you weren’t able to make it, you can catch up by visiting our library of recent webinars at http://www.webcasts.com.au/nswdi_webinar_library/ where you will also find the recording of our earlier session on doing business under Smart and Skilled in 2016. You will need to log in or register (if you have not already done so) to view the recordings of these sessions.

8. REMINDER – DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

A reminder that the Department of Industry, including its Regional Offices, will be shut down for Christmas from Monday 21 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016 inclusive.

While STS Online systems will continue to be available during this period, please note that technical or other support through Training Market Customer Support will not be available.

Payments where due will continue to be processed within 28 days during this period.

Our offices will re-open on Monday 4 January 2016.

Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas. The Department looks forward to working with you in the New Year.

For questions relating to the management of your Smart and Skilled contract, or issues around performance and reporting, please contact your Relationship Manager within the Department. For technical support, contact Training Market Customer Support on training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9266 8008.