1. INTRODUCTION TO JOBS OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIPS

Jobs requiring skills in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) are expected to be in high demand in the future. That’s why the NSW Government is encouraging students who are considering training in a STEM-related qualification to enrol in Smart and Skilled and apply for a Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarship worth $1,000.

The Government is investing $25 million over four years to provide 25,000 Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarships to Smart and Skilled eligible students studying selected STEM-related qualifications who commence training on or after 1 January 2016.

Qualifications eligible for a Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarship

Over 60 STEM-related qualifications at Certificate IV to Advanced Diploma level are eligible for a scholarship. A full list of these qualifications is available on our webpage at smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/scholarships/jobs-of-tomorrow-scholarships.

These qualifications are also flagged on the NSW Skills List (http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html).

Informing students of the scholarships

From today onwards:

- The Course Finder on the Smart and Skilled website will display a yellow ‘Jobs of Tomorrow’ label against eligible qualifications.

- For enquiries and Notifications of Enrolment undertaken in the Provider Calculator for eligible qualifications, the Eligibility Enquiry Report (or quote) and the Notification of Enrolment documents will contain a statement about the scholarship.

You should advise students enrolling in an eligible qualification about the scholarship, indicate where they can locate the relevant statement on the Provider Calculator documents and direct them to the scholarship page on the Smart and Skilled website (smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/scholarships/jobs-of-tomorrow-scholarships) for more information.
Students who have already enrolled in a qualification eligible for a scholarship

Students who have already enrolled in an eligible qualification, and who commence training in 2016, are also able to apply. You should advise these students of their eligibility and direct them to the scholarship page on the Smart and Skilled website (smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/scholarships/jobs-of-tomorrow-scholarships) for more information.

Applying for a scholarship / scholarship payments

Students will need to apply directly for these scholarships once they have enrolled in the qualification and their enrolment has been confirmed with the Department through the Notification of Enrolment process.

The scholarships are limited to the first 6,250 students who successfully apply in 2016.

Applications are expected to open in March 2016.

Please advise students to regularly check our web page at smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/scholarships/jobs-of-tomorrow-scholarships for further announcements concerning applications.

The scholarship will be paid directly to successful applicants in two instalments: $500 upon confirmation of commencement of training and $500 upon confirmation of completion.

More information about this process will be available shortly.

Note: The data you submit to the Department through the Provider Calculator and eReporting will be used to determine a student’s eligibility to apply and to confirm commencement and completion for payments. It is important that you are timely in notifying the Department of enrolments and submitting training activity data so that students are able to apply and be paid on time.

Industry partnerships

As part of the Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarships, the Government is developing partnerships with industry to provide ‘real world’ opportunities for students to engage with employers during their training. Students are advised to refer to our web page at smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/scholarships/jobs-of-tomorrow-scholarships for further information.

Supporting materials

Attached to this update, you will find:

- Fact sheet for providers
- Fact sheet for students
- Posters in A3 and A4 format

We encourage you to distribute the fact sheet for students and display the posters to promote the availability of the scholarships.

These items are also available from the “For Training Providers” section of the Smart and Skilled website at smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-training-providers.