

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New South Wales offers apprenticeships at no cost to students**

The NSW Government yesterday announced that they will offer 100,000 apprenticeships places to prospective students at no cost.

These positions will be on offer to students looking to undertake an apprenticeship with any independent or government provider that is Smart and Skilled contracted to deliver apprenticeships in New South Wales.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) welcomes the news, and believes this decision will have a far-reaching positive impact.

Rod Camm, ACPET CEO, said “This kind of reform is unprecedented and will play a critical role in ensuring New south Wales is positioned to sustain a robust economy into the future.”

“NSW has already made a significant investment into their infrastructure including, roads, rail, schools and hospitals, the addition of apprentices to the existing 60,000 based in the state will only give more momentum to this venture” he said.

This move by the government will make apprenticeships more accessible than ever before, as come July 2018 newly commencing students won’t incur any upfront or tuition fees.

“The New South Wales Government’s commitment to student choice will foster the innovation in skills development that is needed to meet the demands of the growing economy. This will play a fundamental role in closing the skills shortage gap and will pave the way for an appropriately skilled workforce.” Mr Camm said.

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