

Tourism & Hospitality Skills Training for Existing Workers Productivity Places program (PPP) Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Productivity Places Program (PPP) ?

PPP is a joint initiative between the Commonwealth and State Governments and aims to address higher level skill shortages and to increase workforce participation & productivity. QTIC has been successful in securing some of the PPP funding for the tourism & hospitality sector in Queensland.

PPP is an industry led approach. Over the next two years funding is expected to up skill approximately 600 existing workers in Queensland.

What is an eligible existing worker?

Eligible existing workers are persons who in the previous week worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind. Eligible participants excludes income support recipients

What defines an eligible participant?

Eligible participants are:

*Australian citizens; or
Permanent residents of Australia living in Qld; or
Humanitarian refugees.*

Who can apply for PPP funding?

QTIC invites direct expressions of interest from both employers and Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

Can a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) headquartered outside of Queensland apply for PPP funding through QTIC?

Yes – but the RTO must demonstrate that they have experience in delivering accredited training, utilising accredited trainers, in Queensland.

As an RTO, can I offer a mix of web based and classroom and workplace training?

All PPP funded training programs strongly encourage blended modes of training to suit an employers specific requirements.

Creative innovative approaches by RTO's that move beyond traditional training methods is strongly encouraged.

Is the employer contribution negotiable?

No, the employer contribution is designed to encompass the location, size and specific needs of the employer.

Can the employer contribution be payable in kind?

No.

When is the completion date for the delivery of training

All approved and funded training must be delivered prior to 30 June 2012

Is it possible for an up-front lump sum payment to an RTO to be made?

No, payment will be made on an agreed cycle, dependent upon receipt of invoices and verification of training delivery data.

What occurs in the event of participants not completing training?

Payment will be made only on training delivered and verified.

What are the preferred invoicing cycles to receive PPP funding?

Payments by QTIC to an RTO will be made on an agreed an data verification basi, in line with AVETMISS reporting requirements.

RTO's may elect to collect the employer contribution directly from the employer as feasible and as verified to QTIC.

What are an RTO's reporting requirements to QTIC and DETA to ensure successful delivery and receipt of funding?

QTIC will provide these requirements to the RTO in initial consultations.

How do I apply for PPP funding assistance?

Please contact Jodie Brezzi, QTIC, directly for further information.

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