



Australian Government

Department of Education, Science and Training  
National Skills Shortages Strategy



## 5 NEW APPRENTICES ROUNDTABLE

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Anyone interested in being involved in the New Apprentices Roundtable should contact us at [nsss@dest.gov.au](mailto:nsss@dest.gov.au).

Our best information on why young Australians are interested in or reluctant to consider traditional trades and other industries suffering skill shortage comes from young people themselves.

We know some young people think that trades may be dirty, dangerous and difficult. But in reality, young Australians who take up trades enjoy strong prospects of lucrative, long term, challenging, and rewarding careers.

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This will be the first formal event of its kind giving political and policy decision makers the opportunity to hear directly from those participating in the training system and to provide an ideal opportunity for New Apprentices to tell the Government what attracts them to New Apprenticeships in skill shortage areas.

### Participation

Around 20 New Apprentices will be invited to participate in the New Apprentices Roundtable drawn primarily from industries identified as experiencing skills shortages.

The roundtable will include New Apprentices from all States and Territories, metropolitan, regional and rural areas and Indigenous and culturally diverse backgrounds.

### Process

The roundtable will meet bi-annually. Once with policy advisers, and once with the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

Participants will be encouraged to consult with other New Apprentices on issues relating to career decision making, the experience of New Apprentices, on-the-job and off-the-job training, and managing their developing careers to develop a comprehensive picture of the views and attitudes of New Apprentices.

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