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## 1. 2016 NSW SKILLS LIST UPDATE – VERSION 5 RELEASED

### a) WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING MADE?

The 2016 NSW Skills List has been updated with effect from 23 June 2016.

This Skills List update covers changes to qualifications as a result of Training Package revisions.

### 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The majority of changes to the 2016 NSW Skills List are due to superseded qualifications being updated and replaced. In most cases, a superseded qualification is directly replaced with a current qualification.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, some non-equivalent qualifications have been deemed as non-direct replacements for qualifications on the 2016 NSW Skills List (see Table 1 below) and some superseded qualifications have been merged into a smaller number of current qualifications – (see Table 2 below).

On your Smart and Skilled Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules, qualifications are assigned the status “superseded” or “current” and start and end dates will be applied.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 have been updated?

Qualifications from the following training packages have been updated on the 2016 NSW Skills List:

- CPP Property Services
- FWP Forest and Wood Products
- MSM Manufacturing
- PMA Chemical, Hydrocarbons and Refining
- PPM Pulp & Paper Manufacturing

### ii) Direct replacement qualifications:

Activity Schedules are automatically updated with the current qualification where a superseded qualification is directly replaced (ie. as these appear on training.gov.au), with the exception of the Smart and Skilled Entitlement Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program. In this case, VTOs must be amended or established for these Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules to be updated.

The June update to the 2016 NSW Skills List reflects any changes where a previous (“superseded”) qualification has been directly replaced by a new (“current”) qualification. Version 5 of the 2016 NSW Skills List showing 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Students who have **commenced training** in superseded qualifications are not affected by these changes unless ASQA Policy for superseded qualifications (direct replacements) requires the student to transition to the current qualification or the student does not complete within the transition period.

### iii) Non-direct replacement qualifications

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

**Table 1**

<b>Qualifications deemed as non-direct replacements for the purposes of the 2016 NSW Skills List (June 2016 update) in Previous Code order</b>			
<b>Previous code</b>	<b>Previous qualification name</b>	<b>Current Code</b>	<b>Current Qualification deemed as non-direct replacement</b>
HLT50512	Diploma of Dental Technology	HLT55115	Diploma of Dental Technology
TLI41610	Certificate IV in International Freight Forwarding (Senior Operator)	TLI41616	Certificate IV in International Freight Forwarding (Senior Operator)

The superseded qualifications in Table 2 have been merged into four current qualifications.

**Table 2**

<b>Merged qualifications</b>			
<b>Previous code</b>	<b>Previous qualification name</b>	<b>Current Code</b>	<b>Current Qualification deemed as non-direct replacement</b>
FPI20111	Certificate II in Forest Growing and Management	FWP20116	Certificate II in Forest Growing and Management
FPI20113	Certificate II in Forest Growing and Management		
FPI20211	Certificate II in Harvesting and Haulage	FWP20216	Certificate II in Harvesting and Haulage
FPI20213	Certificate II in Harvesting and Haulage		
FPI30111	Certificate III in Forest Growing and Management	FWP30116	Certificate III in Forest Growing and Management
FPI30113	Certificate III in Forest Growing and Management		
FPI30211	Certificate III in Harvesting and Haulage	FWP30216	Certificate III in Harvesting and Haulage
FPI30213	Certificate III in Harvesting and Haulage		

- ***Non-direct replacement “Current Qualifications” on scope***

Where you have the current qualification on scope, the qualification is automatically added to your 2016 Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule(s) and the superseded qualifications will remain on your Approved Qualifications 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 qualifications will remain active on the Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule for the transition period (qualification end date on the Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule) 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 Approved Qualifications 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.

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

- **For students who have commenced training and complete training within the transition period** (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, or do not complete training within the transition period, 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). Please refer to Item 4 in this Update for further information on reporting these students.

**v) 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 Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule, and from the day after the start date that appears on the 2016 Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule.

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

Qualification prices have not changed as a result of this 2016 NSW Skills List update. Direct replacement current qualifications have the same prices as the superseded qualification. Where multiple superseded qualifications have been merged into a single current qualification, 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).

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

All information held against the superseded qualification in the Data Maintenance facility and which appears on the Smart and Skilled Course Finder will transfer across to the current qualification in Data Maintenance and appear against the current qualification on the Smart and Skilled Course Finder on [www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au](http://www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au).

Where multiple superseded qualifications with multiple (ie. different) delivery modes and/or study modes and/or locations have merged into a single current qualification, each delivery/study mode and location will transfer across on Data Maintenance and appear against the current qualification in the Course Finder.

You are able to edit Course Finder information for any courses including courses in the above scenarios at any time.

The *Smart and Skilled Data Maintenance User Guide* available in STS Online via Smart and Skilled Contract Management on the Support Documents page can assist you in keeping the information current. This guide outlines how to add or edit locations, delivery modes and study modes in Data Maintenance for your approved qualifications.

### e) TRANSITION PERIOD

The temporary extension of the transition period for superseded qualifications to 18 months applies to the changes in this NSW Skills List update, with the exception of the following three qualifications where the transition period is the standard 12 months:

MSM30116 - Certificate III in Process Manufacturing

MSM30216 - Certificate III in Surface Preparation and Coating Application

PMA30116 - Certificate III in Process Plant Operations

Please note that 2016 Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules will however show the end date for superseded qualifications as corresponding with the end date of the current Activity Period (ie. 31/12/2016).

## 2. APPRENTICESHIP-ONLY QUALIFICATIONS CAN ALSO BE OFFERED AS FULL QUALIFICATIONS

As part of this NSW Skills List update, qualifications which were previously offered as an apprenticeship only can now also be delivered under Smart and Skilled full qualifications programs. This change will enable workers to gain a qualification in their industry through a non-apprenticeship pathway.

For Providers already approved to deliver one or more of these apprenticeship qualifications under the Smart and Skilled Entitlement Apprenticeships and Traineeships program, the Department will make a Contract Variation offer in early July to add these qualifications to the relevant Approved Qualifications Activity Schedules for the Smart and Skilled Entitlement Full Qualifications and/or Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Full Qualifications programs.

Please refer to the guide *How to accept your Smart and Skilled Contract, Review Notice and Variations*, available in STS Online on the Support Documents page under Smart and Skilled Contract Management, for details of how to accept this Contract Variation.

Remember, should you choose to deliver the qualification-only pathway, after accepting your Contract Variation you will need to undertake data maintenance in STS Online to specify qualification delivery mode, delivery sites and contacts for publication in the Course Finder on the Smart and Skilled website. Please refer to the *Smart and Skilled Data Maintenance User Guide* for further instructions.

Fee-for-service students undertaking an affected qualification and wishing to transfer to Smart and Skilled to complete the qualification are able to do so. Credit Transfer should be granted and reported for any units of competency these students may have already completed. If a student is near completion on a particular unit of competency, please allow them to complete the unit before enrolling them in the qualification under Smart and Skilled.

The *NSW Skills List* document and the *Prices, fees and subsidies* schedule will be updated shortly on our website at [www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/).

## 3. TIMING OF UPDATES TO YOUR APPROVED QUALIFICATIONS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE(S) FOR DIRECT REPLACEMENT SUPERSEDING QUALIFICATIONS

Updates to the NSW Skills List occur regularly throughout the year to reflect changes to qualifications as a result of Training Package revisions and amendments to NSW Vocational

Training Orders (VTOs). Your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule(s) are updated accordingly.

The current qualifications shown on your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule(s) may, however, change at other times as a superseded qualification is replaced by a direct equivalent qualification on the National Register.

This occurs automatically for direct replacement qualifications where no VTO applies (ie. there is no apprenticeship or traineeship pathway). Where a VTO does apply to a direct replacement qualification, your Approved Qualifications Activity Schedule(s) will be updated to reflect this when the VTO is amended, which coincides with the update to the NSW Skills List.

#### **4. REPORTING DATA FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED OR WHO ARE TRANSITIONING FROM A SUPERSEDED QUALIFICATION TO A CURRENT QUALIFICATION**

eReporting is being amended to ensure Providers can properly report data for students who have transitioned or are transitioning from a superseded qualification to a current qualification.

The amendment of eReporting will occur in two stages. The first stage will enable Providers to submit eReporting data for transitioning students. In the second stage changes will be made to various screens in eReporting to reflect when data for transitioning students has been reported.

We anticipate that the first stage of amendments will be implemented by the end of June 2016. In the meantime we appreciate your patience and will communicate further information closer to the implementation time.

#### **5. STS ONLINE – PLANNED OUTAGE THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016**

STS Online will be offline for systems upgrades **from 4.00pm Thursday 30 June 2016 until 9.00am Friday 1 July 2016.**

Please note that systems such as the Provider Calculator, SBAT Enrolment Data function and eReporting will be unavailable between these times.

For technical support in relation to this update and changes to the 2016 NSW Skills List, contact Training Market Customer Support on [training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9266 8008.