

# Retrenched Workers Training Assistance

The Department of Education and Training provides training assistance for retrenched workers affected by business closures and downsizing

As part of the Rapid Response Teams set up by the NSW Government, State Training Services coordinates access to training as part of a wider program of services from government and community agencies for retrenched workers.

**Linking training to job opportunities in local areas, State Training Services offers the following assistance for retrenched workers:**

## Information and Advice

- \* State Training Services Hotline: 13 28 11 to find out what training assistance is available
- \* Skills Recognition Website at [www.skillsrecognition.nsw.gov.au](http://www.skillsrecognition.nsw.gov.au) to find out how to get your skills recognised
- \* Information forums on training assistance

## Skill Assessment and Recognition of Prior Learning

Assistance to

- \* Identify current skills and skill gaps
- \* Identify potential job outcomes
- \* Link to further training

## Skills Training

- \* Develop a skills pathway through training programs and services for up-skilling or retraining groups of retrenched workers to meet identified job opportunities in the local area
- \* Support local registered training organisations including TAFE NSW to implement the most appropriate training programs
- \* Referral to training including Productivity Places Program to gain higher level qualifications

## For apprentices and trainees

- Options to fast-track apprentices by providing local trade training to assist 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentices complete off-the-job training.
- \* Eligibility for accommodation and travel assistance to allow

'out of work' apprentices to continue to access assistance to attend trade training.

- \* A register to match 'out of work' apprentices with employers. Continuing Apprenticeship Placement Service or CAPS. ([caps@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:caps@det.nsw.edu.au))

## Helping businesses at risk

Industries that are vulnerable to structural adjustment will be targeted with preventative measures to help workers gain future employment.

This will enable workers facing possible retrenchment to access skill assessment so that have recognised skills to make the transition to future job opportunities.

Assistance for retrenched workers are governed by the NSW Government's Protocols for Business Closures.

For more information contact your local State Training Services Centre on 13 28 11 or individually at the following Office locations

Chatswood: (02) 9242 1700  
Bankstown: (02) 87079600  
Parramatta: (02) 9204 7400

Hunter: (02) 4974 8570  
Illawarra (02) 4224 9300  
Orange: (02) 6392 8500

Wagga Wagga: (02) 6937 7600  
Lismore (02) 6627 8400  
Tamworth: (02) 6755 5099