



Year 10, 11 and 12 School Students



Grow an exciting career in Horticulture, including turf, landscape, nursery, parks and gardens and arboriculture!

Have you ever wanted to work on a golf course at a five star hotel in Dubai, in the Prime Minister's backyard, or get special access to the play grounds of Australia's best sports people?

The Horticulture industry has a lot to offer, and now all Year 10, 11 and 12 students have the opportunity to get involved through a full day industry tour.

The tour will showcase the breadth of industry and career opportunities including Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA's) and full-time training.

Tour sites will be Government House, Bruce Stadium, Yarralumla Nursery and the Royal Canberra Golf Club.

If you are a school student considering a career in horticulture, then don't miss out on this great opportunity.

The Horticulture Industry Tour has been organised by the following organisations and industry partners:

- Australian Turf Growers Association
- Student to Industry Program
- Canberra Institute of Technology
- Training Fund Authority

Places are strictly limited, reserve your place now.

Call 02 6205 8465 or visit www.sip.net.au

Start to grow an exciting career!

What? Industry Tour
Cost? Free
When? Friday 18th Sept. 09
Where: Starting 8am @ Bruce Stadium and finishing 5:30pm @ Royal Canberra Golf Club

Bookings essential

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NECA Excellence/ Apprentices Awards

The National Electrical and Communications Association is dedicated to promoting the significant achievements of industry and rewarding the excellence and professionalism continually demonstrated by its members.

The Excellence/Apprentice Awards recognise the training of high quality apprentices to ensure a bright future for the industry and also raise awareness of the vast opportunities for talented school leavers within the electrotechnology industry.

The awards also recognise and reward not only apprentices but also their employers. The employers gain recognition from their peers and the community for their outstanding contribution and commitment to the continued development of the industry.

The Training Fund Authority is a silver business partner of the Awards which will take place on 4 September at the Canberra Convention Centre.

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2008 Annual Apprentices and Trainees Statistics - Highlights

- 3.8% of Australian workers were employed as an apprentice or trainee as at December 2008, compared with 2.5% in 1998.
- Within the trades, the rate of training (apprentices and trainees as a proportion of the number of individuals employed) as at December 2008 was 12.0%, compared with 9.2% in 1998.
- The completion rate for contracts of training commenced in 2003 for apprentices and trainees was 48.5%.
- The completion rate for contracts of training commenced in 2003 for trade apprentices and trainees was 44.2%.
- Attrition rates from contracts within the first 12 months for trade apprentices and trainees have been steady at around 28%, for the cohorts commencing between 2003 and 2007.
- 25.8% of all trade apprentices and trainees completing higher-level qualifications (certificate III and above) in 2008 completed their training in two years or less, compared with 16.4% in 1998.

Source: NCVER

Securing Australian Apprenticeships through RTOs

The Australian Government is providing financial support to registered training organisations (RTOs) to cover the cost of off-the-job training where an Australian Apprentice (also referred to as apprentice or trainee) with an incomplete qualification has been made redundant.

The support is being provided via the Securing Australian Apprenticeships through RTOs initiative and allows Australian Apprentices to maintain the value of their investment in training.

Depending on the number of units still to be completed, RTOs may receive either \$1250 or \$2500 for each eligible Australian Apprentice who completes the off-the-job training component of their Australian Apprenticeship with that RTO.

Eligibility will be assessed on a case by case basis and will depend on how much additional training and other support the Australian Apprentice may need to complete their training.

All Australian Apprentices who are enrolled in a certificate III or IV qualification whose training contract has been cancelled or suspended may be eligible to apply for support under this scheme. As are Australian Apprentices who are enrolled in a Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualification that is listed on the [Higher Technical Skills list](#) (PDF 128KB).

This new initiative commenced on 1 July 2009.



EE-Oz Annual Conference

The 2009 EE-Oz Training Standards (ElectroComms and EnergyUtilities Industry Skills Council Ltd) Annual Conference will be held in Adelaide on 13-14 October.

Leading national and international industry and training personalities will provide keynote addresses on topics pertinent to the Australian ElectroComms and EnergyUtilities industries at the present time.

The conference theme is Electrotechnology and Energy Industries Australia – The Training Evolution.

Over the two days of the conference, speakers will consider the challenges facing the ElectroComms and EnergyUtilities industries and its training partners in regard to:

- the natural disasters of early 2009 (ie. Victorian bush fires)
- international and local influences impacting on the ElectroComms and EnergyUtilities industries
- technological advancement and industry regulation
- the portability of skills across Australia.

Delegates will learn from industry and training organisations that are tackling the challenges with innovative, cooperative approaches.

The conference program includes:

- panel discussions
- workshops
- open question and answer sessions
- a conference dinner with entertainment.

As in previous years the full suite of National Industry Technical Advisory Group and Sector Technical Advisory Committee meetings will be held on the day before and two days following the conference.

For more information and to register for the conference contact:

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- Waterwise Course
- Testing and tagging of electrical equipment
- Open Cable Registration
- Optical Fibre Cabling
- Business Administration and Management
- Computerised Accounting

The above courses are examples of courses for which the Training Fund Authority may reimburse a percentage of the training cost (conditions apply).

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