

Name change and new logo for Training Fund

From 2 January 2006, the ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Board changed its name to **ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority**. The ACT Government initiated the change and legislation has been amended to reflect the name change. To coincide with the change, the **Training Fund Authority** has introduced a new logo while maintaining its corporate colours.

ACT Group Training Breakfast

On 7 April, the **Training Fund Authority** will host a breakfast on behalf of ACT Group Training Organisations, their host employers and potential host employers.

The objective of the breakfast is to encourage greater participation of host employers, therefore increasing the commencements of New Apprenticeships. The theme for the event is; **Group Training - Discover the Possibilities**. The keynote speaker will be James Barron, Chief Executive Officer, Group Training Australia.

The event will also be an opportunity for the **Training Fund Authority** to launch its new logo and promote its services and on-the-job training incentives to employers.

Training Fund Authority continues its Skill Shortage program in 2006

After extensive consultation with industry stakeholders, the Board of the **Training Fund Authority** approved the continuation of its Skill Shortage program in 2006 (see following page).

At its December 2005 meeting, the Board approved a **\$5,000** training incentive to employers who commence a 1st year apprentice in 2006 under an ACT Contract of Training in the following trades:

- Painting & Decorating
- Horticulture (Turf)
- Horticulture (Landscaping)

ACT Group Training and Host Employer Funding Arrangements

Training incentives are equally divided between ACT Group Training Organisations and their host employers on a pro-rata basis.

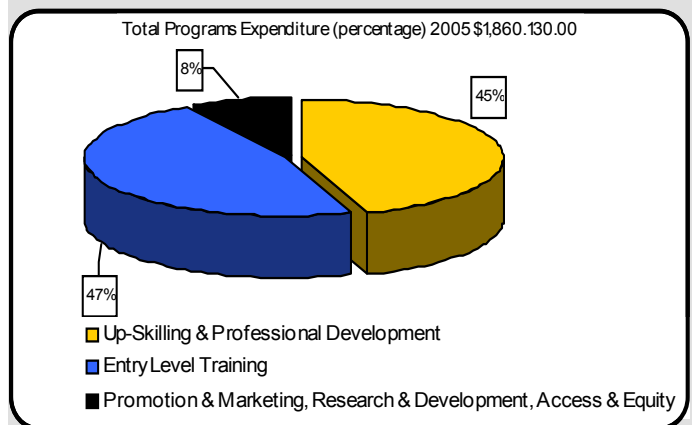
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Training Fund Authority Provides a Record of \$1.86m for Training Programs in 2005

For the second consecutive year, the **Training Fund Authority** provided a record amount of funding of \$1.86m in 2005 under its five key areas (up-skilling and professional development, entry level training, research and development, access and equity and promotions and marketing). This figure is \$169,000 more than the amount expended in 2004.

The largest allocation of funds was for entry level training (\$873,108.00) followed by up-skilling and professional development (\$829,896.00). These two programs accounted for 92 per cent of the total funding budget under the five key areas.

The other three key programs (research & development, promotion & marketing and access & equity) received total funding of \$148,626.00.



A total of **5484** ACT building & construction, landscape and electrotechnology workers attended approved training programs funded by the **Training Fund Authority** under its up-skilling and professional development program.

These figures represent a 7 per cent increase over 2004 and a 42 per cent increase since 2002.

If you are considering attending an approved training program in 2006, contact the **Training Fund Authority** to enquire if you are eligible to receive up to 80 per cent of the training costs.

Attention Employers

ACT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



**TRAINING FUND
AUTHORITY**



Employ an **apprentice** in the following trades in 2006

- Painting and Decorating
- Horticulture (Landscaping)
- Horticulture (Turf)

and receive a \$9,000 incentive

New Apprenticeships is a national program for the employment of apprentices and trainees. The program offers flexibility, support services and opportunities in a wide range of industries.

Employing an apprentice can provide real benefits for your business and contribute to your bottom line. An apprentice can provide you with practical skills and the latest industry knowledge acquired through their training.

Training is nationally recognized and flexible to suit your individual needs and those of your apprentice. Training is developed by industry for the needs of industry.

As an employer, you have the choice of directly employing an apprentice or participating as a Host Employer with an ACT Group Training Organisation. Additional funding may also be available for indigenous Australians, women in a non-traditional vocation and a person with a disability.

Financial benefits for employers

The financial incentives are aimed at increasing the employment and training opportunities for apprentices in the ACT.

The ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority provides the following funding for employers in 2006:

- **\$2,000** three months after the commencement date of the apprenticeship
- **\$3,000** on completion of the first 12 months of the apprenticeship

(Applicable to first year Apprentices under an ACT Contract of Training employed in 2006)

PLUS

The Commonwealth Government provides a range of financial incentives for employers through New Apprenticeships including:

- **\$1,500** on commencement
- **\$2,500** on completion

A TOTAL OF

- **\$9,000** for each apprentice

\$2,000

PLUS

\$3,000

\$1,500

\$2,500

TOTAL

\$9,000
for each
apprentice

Interested?

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