




Newsletter

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CIT Mature Workers
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TRAINING CBR'S BEST



Are you a mature aged worker looking for some extra support? CIT is here to help.”

The ACT Government is committed to supporting productivity and workforce participation of all working-age Canberrans. However, recognises that mature members of the community often experience specific barriers to accessing available work-related training services.

Therefore, through the Mature Workers Grants Program, a Skills Canberra initiative, Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) will focus on assisting mature workers by providing a wide range of supportive measures.

For the purposes of the Program, the category 'mature workers' includes persons aged 45 years or older and Australian Apprentices aged 25 years or older (aka mature apprentices/trainees). The Program targets mature workers who live and/or work in the ACT. Mature workers may be employed, unemployed, underemployed or not in the labour force. A mature worker may be working as a volunteer or unpaid carer.

Support

At CIT, we want you to enjoy your student experience with us and we have a range of services available to help and encourage you.

Services include:

- Course and Career information and advice
- Financial support opportunities for training
- Skills Recognition
- Professional counselling support services
- An active CIT Student Association (CITSA) which provides advocacy, student activities, information, accommodation, bookshops, food services and cafes on campus
- CIT Yurauna Centre, a welcoming Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Foundation skills (reading, writing and using numbers)

To register for any of these support services, please register on our webpage at https://cit.edu.au/study/mature_workers_support or alternatively drop into the Student Services area on campus or call on 02 6207 3188





Glenn Carter - TFA, Aaron Keen - Ernie Deering Award for Overall Plumbing
Apprentice of the Year and Kirrily Dearing



Keiran Sweeting - Reece Plumbing and Winner Mature Age Plumbing Apprentice
- Scott Logan



Glenn Carter - TFA and Patrick Lonergan - Cert III Stage 3 winner
Plumbing

Awards Celebrate the Excellence of Plumbing in the ACT

Each year Master Plumbers ACT holds a prestigious Awards event attended by over 200 members and their staff as well as business and government partners. The Awards celebrate the excellence of the off-the-job training conducted by CIT for plumbing apprentices and tradespeople in the ACT.

“The night is also about celebrating the industry more broadly and the good work plumbers undertake across a range of areas including residential maintenance, critical ACT urban infrastructure such as schools and hospitals, and new building construction. The excellent training provided by CIT is a key aspect of this – and the apprentice winners on the night are testimony to this excellence,” said Executive Officer Leigh Watson.

“It is fitting that Gordon Ramsay MLA, Minister for Business and Regulatory Services and Minister for Building Quality Improvement, will be attending our event to talk about the importance of plumbing in the ACT and to help us celebrate our high achieving plumbers.

“As both residential and commercial construction continues to be on the up in Canberra, the demand for plumbers has increased. We believe our member plumbers – from sole traders to large companies employing hundreds – are contributing greatly to this critical health infrastructure in the ACT. While this is something that is often taken for granted, we would know very quickly if this wasn’t being done well,” she said.

“As the peak body representing the interests of professionally trained and accredited plumbing businesses, Master Plumbers aims to ensure the Canberra community, industry, and government have access to up-to-date, professional, qualified and ethical plumbers.”

There are currently around 2,000 plumbers in the ACT working across all sectors from individual home maintenance to large scale apartment fit-outs – a number that is bound to increase over coming years.

Award Winners

The overall Apprentice of the Year (Cert 3 or Third Year) is Aaron Keen. The Award is named after Ernie Deering, one of the CIT’s highly respected teachers who taught for over 30 years and ran a successful plumbing business in the ACT for over 50 years.

Award Winners included:

- Cert 3, Stage 1, Aaron KEEN
- Cert 3, Stage 2, Mitchell NOUJAIM
- Cert 3, Stage 3, Patrick LONERGAN
- Mature Age Cert 3, Scott LOGAN



WORKSAFE ACT

WorkSafe ACT's role is to enforce the Territory's health and safety and worker's compensation laws through a mixture of education and compliance activities

Working Safely with Asbestos Containing Materials

ACT workers who are likely to encounter materials containing asbestos are now required to complete training in 10559NAT – Course in Working Safely with Asbestos Containing Materials. This course is in addition to the mandated 10675NAT – Course in Asbestos Awareness that came into effect in the ACT on 30 June 2014.

Recent amendments to the [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011](#) mandate that people in occupations that are likely to work with asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) must complete an approved training course in working safely with asbestos.

The Occupations that now must complete their training are :

- 334112 Air-conditioning and Mechanical Services Plumber
- 342111 Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic
- 342411 Cabler (Data and Telecommunications)
- 899914 Electrical or Telecommunications Trades Assistant
- 341111 Electrician (General)
- 341112 Electrician (Special Class)
- 334114 Gasfitter
- 334111 Plumber (General)
- 821114 Plumber's Assistant
- 342414 Telecommunications Technician

Licensed asbestos removalists and licensed asbestos assessors are not affected by the amendments and are exempt from completing the training.

The amendments will commence on 1 July 2019.

The registered training organisations listed below are approved to deliver 10559NAT – Course in Working Safely with Asbestos Containing Materials.

[Future Skills Limited](#)

[Canberra Institute of Technology](#)

[Height Safety Engineers](#)

[MBA Group Training Limited](#)

Sarina Russo Apprenticeships



Phoebe flicks switch on school-based apprenticeship

She's 16 years old and in Year 12 but that hasn't stopped Phoebe Thompson from adding a little spark to her future.

Phoebe feels supercharged after starting a School Based Electrical Apprenticeship with Brownies Electrical in Mitchell.

She divides her working week between three days of schooling, a day on site and the fifth day at TAFE.

Phoebe's supervisor, James Douglas, said she's a great asset and often showed up the men with her attention to detail.

"Phoebe is very conscientious and retains everything she learns very quickly, and can really multi-task, unlike a few of the blokes we've put through. We're lucky to have her," he said.

Upcoming Events:

ACT NECA Awards
Realm

9th August

Hotel

CITC Annual Apprentices and Employer Awards 29th August Hellenic
Club, Woden

NAWIC Awards 20th September The
National Arboretum Molonglo Valley



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