Program overview
The Australian Government announced on 5 November 2009 that up to $25 million will be provided during 2009-10 for an Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program (EBPPP) for existing workers. This program will provide up to 11,000 new training places.

The training will be at the Certificate III to Advanced Diploma level in a range of qualifications included in the national Priority Occupations PPP List.

All trainees participating under this phase of the EBPPP must commence training in calendar year 2010.

Funding Arrangements
The program is a partnership between enterprises, Government Skills Australia and the Australian Government. The Government will fund up to:

- 50 percent of the cost for training places for existing workers for enterprises with over 200 employees, with the enterprises contributing the remaining 50 percent;
- 75 percent of the cost for training places for existing workers for enterprises with between 100 and 199 employees, with the enterprises contributing the remaining 25 percent; and
- 90 percent of the cost for training places for existing workers for enterprises with less than 100 employees, with the enterprises contributing the remaining 10 percent.

Funding Levels

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Eligibility to apply and participate in the EBPPP
Organisations eligible to participate in the program include:

- National enterprises;
- Enterprises and businesses that operate across a number of states/territories;
- Small and medium enterprises; and
- National professional associations and industry bodies.

All eligible enterprises and organisations wishing to participate in the EBPPP will have to access the program through Government Skills Australia.

Application and selection process
Application for funding under the EBPPP is a two stage process:

1. eligible enterprises and organisations apply/submit enterprise based training proposals/projects to Government Skills Australia;
2. Government Skills Australia submits recommended enterprise based training proposals/projects for approval and funding to DEEWR.

Government Skills Australia is seeking first round expressions of interest up until 18 December 2009.

What are the eligible qualifications?
Qualifications eligible for funding under the EBPPP are those included on the Priority Occupations PPP list. Eligible qualifications have been identified by DEEWR to meet identified skills shortages in the Australian workforce.

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