

## GTAN – WTAN Webinar Questions and Responses

Please find below some of the questions asked of presenters during the webinar:

### *Question 1: (To Jen James)*

Hi, can you expand on the marketing campaign to promote working with Government. How are you targeting school leavers and is there any movement to expand on VET courses for govt during HSC year?

### *Response (Jen James, LGNSW):*

Thanks for your question. Careers at Council reaches school aged students via participation in virtual Careers Expos and providing councils with flyers to use at local school expos. We have also run Facebook marketing campaigns in the past. LGNSW also contributes content to the e-newsletter of the Careers Advisor Association (CAA) NSW and presents at various conferences of the CAA. We're working with the ITAB on school-based traineeship delivery. Hopefully, Cert II in Local Government will be taken up.

### *Question 2 (To Nathan Cooper)*

Hi Nathan, well done for getting on with the Water Operations Skills Strategy so quickly. We are hoping to see a couple more water training issues included such as:

- 1) finding/developing trainers/subject matter experts; and
- 2) maintaining up to date, relevant water training content.

Are these issues able to be included?

### *Response (Nathan Cooper, Manager, Skills Brokers):*

The above mentioned points are vital to ensuring that the training remains relevant and well-received. We will definitely add them to the strategy as a key factor.

Primarily the responsibility will lie with the RTOs that are funded to carry out the training. With that in mind, though engaging with RTOs that are funded under the NSW Govt Smart & Skilled Program, users can be assured that these RTOs meet the standards expected from industry.

I'd be really happy to be contacted by someone willing to engage with me to explain in more detail what the ideal solution is and how we can achieve it.

### *Question 3: (To Nathan Cooper)*

Lachlan Shire Council: What about Certificate IV. Are you working on that? We have someone waiting to do it now so that would be great

### *Response (Nathan Cooper, Manager, Skills Brokers):*

The Certificate IV is currently listed on the NSW Skills List, so can be subsidised by the NSW Government. Fusion Training currently has it on their scope of delivery. In the case that they have run out of funding, or are unable to deliver, contact TSNSW and we will look to other RTOs that are positioned to deliver the qualification.

***Question 4: (To Josh Tickell)***

*Review of skills shortages across the sector - Proposed workplan*

In reference to Identification of Key Stakeholders - Ron Wright: No EPA?

Hi Josh, Local Government NSW would like to be involved too.

*Response (Josh Tickell)*

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***Question 5: (Lucas Scarpin, Fusion Training)***

Lucas, Skillset short courses, 100% funding? is there any limitation to number of units in the skillset?

*Response (Lucas Scarpin)*

Technically not. However, there is a general principle in place that you can't use the skillset or part qual funding (or multiple part quals) to get a full qualification. If Training NSW believe this is what we as an RTO are doing they will deny funding and ask to go through the full qual funding streams.

***Question 6: (Lucas Scarpin, Fusion Training)***

Central NSW Joint Organisation: Hi Lucas - if undertaking a Cert III - is it a stock/standard Cert III on offer? Or can the elective units from the Cert III be handpicked to some degree so that the operator can obtain the Cert III plus have the units needed under the WIOA framework so they can be eligible for certification under the national framework?

*Response (Lucas Scarpin)*

Because we are trying to play catchup on resource development, we have developed a "standard" delivery of units that we could prioritise. Under VET rules however, as long as the student complies with the training package guidelines (which units can be used in that package), then the student and the RTO can work through various elective options. I would be keen to learn more about the WIOA framework as it may be beneficial for us to integrate into our "standard" package.

***Question 7: (Lucas Scarpin, Fusion Training)***

From MTWS: Hi Lucas, is Fusion interested in Third Party Agreements??

*Response (Lucas Scarpin)*

In principle yes. However, the devil is always in the detail 😊. We do have third party arrangements in place for various courses and trainers. We would always be keen to chat with anyone that can help us service our clients more effectively. Give me a call or email and we can chat.



### **Question 8: (Lucas Scarpin, Fusion Training)**

From kumarpr: Which TAFE did you collaborate with?

*Response (Lucas Scarpin)*

We haven't collaborated with any TAFE on Water Ops. We are building our resources from scratch using the expertise of industry operators. Hence why it takes so long to get up and running.

### **Question 9: (Les Dallis, Sydney Water)**

From MTWS: Thanks Les, your model is excellent & you also include other specialist training for other work & high risk activities like HPWJ?

*Response (Les Dallis)*

Yes Murray, forgot about the good training that is done by our partners

From Les: If anyone would like any further info, give me a call 0448424190.