



Infection Control Training Fund

Fact Sheet

Infection control is now part of everyday life as Australia adopts a COVID-safe approach to all aspects of life. For some customer facing industries, for example retail or tourism, this means that staff may need to be supported to increase their skills to include infection control.

Recognising this, the Australian Government, in partnership with the states and territories, has developed and funded industry specific infection control training. This means that there is now training, contextualised for customer facing industries, available in all states and territories. Training staff in infection control will support Australian businesses to re-open safely and support Australians to have confidence that it is safe to re-engage with businesses.

In addition to developing the training, an \$80 million infection control training fund has been established to ensure around 80,000 workers can access the training at little to no cost. The states and territories have now entered into contracts with select registered training organisations to deliver the subsidised training. There are over 170 training organisations that have been contracted by the states and territories to deliver the training on a fee free or low cost basis.

What training courses are available and who developed them?

The Emergency Response Subcommittee of the Australian Industry and Skills Committee was responsible for the development of the new infection prevention and control skill sets. Current skill sets include:

- [Infection Control Skills for Retail](#)
- [Infection Control Skills for Transport and Logistics](#)
- [Infection Control Skills for Food Handling](#)
- Cross sector Infection control skill set – this can be contextualised to suit a range of industries. The table below lists the industries for which contextualised training is available as at August 2020.

<u>Sports and Recreation</u>	<u>Business Services</u>	<u>Hair and Beauty</u>
Sports & Recreation Gyms & Fitness Centres	Business Services	Hairdressing Beauty Salons and Day Spas
<u>Entertainment and Amusement</u>	<u>Education and Care</u>	<u>Cafe, Restaurant and Accommodation</u>
Live Entertainment Amusement & Cultural Institutions	Children's Education and Care Schools Tertiary Education	Cafes and Restaurants Accommodation Services
<u>Construction and Property Services</u>	<u>Mining, Drilling, Civil</u> <u>Weddings, Funerals and Religious Services</u>	<u>Domestic Travel</u> Public Transport Aviation and Marine Transport Taxi, Rideshare and Chartered Bus Services Travel Support Services (Including Booking Agencies)
Construction, Engineering and Technical Services Real Estate Services Architectural Services Waste Collection, Treatment and Disposal Services Building Cleaning Pest Control and Security Fire Protection and Fire Safety Swimming Pool and Spa Servicing	Mining Drilling Civil Infrastructure Weddings Funerals Religious Services	

What do the courses involve?

The majority of the training will be conducted online. The training also includes a component that is workplace based. Each course will be pass/ fail assessment. This is referred to as you being competent (passed) or not competent (failed). This is consistent with the competency based nature of the VET system.

Who can deliver the training?

Training is available in all states and territories. There are over 500 registered training organisations that have the ability to deliver the training. Not all of these will be offering the fee free training and a fee for service may apply. To find out which registered training organisations in your area provide the training, go to myskills.gov.au and search for 'infection control'. To find low or no fee training refer to below in the "Further Information" section as eligibility may differ between states.

Who pays to attend a course?

The Infection Control Training Fund will ensure around 80,000 workers can access the training for no, or a very low fee. The course may also be offered by registered training organisations on a fee for service basis.

Further information

As each state has different providers and eligibility requirements to access the fee free training, check the following state specific sites:

- New South Wales:
https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/icts/index.html
- Victoria: <https://www.skills.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway/Explore/Pages/infection-control-training.aspx>
- Queensland: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/isolearn>
- Western Australia: <https://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/skillsready>
- South Australia: www.skills.sa.gov.au/business/covid-clean-training
- Tasmania:
https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/providers/rto/funding_programs_for_endorsed_rtos/infection_control_training_fund
- Australian Capital Territory: <https://www.skills.act.gov.au/Infection%20Control%20Training>
- Northern Territory: <https://nt.gov.au/industry/support-for-business/support-and-advice>

More information on the skillsets and the industries that have had contextualised information available can be found at <https://www.aisc.net.au/content/communiques-and-training-package-updates>.