

Meeting of the Jobs and Skills Councils (JSC) CEO Network Forum 14 August 2023

The Jobs and Skills Councils (JSCs) held their first JSC CEO Network Forum meeting in Canberra on Monday 14 August 2023.

JSCs will support the Government's commitment to deliver a collaborative, tripartite, vocational education and training (VET) system, bringing together employers, unions and governments to address skills shortages and broader workforce challenges.

The focus of this first meeting was to bring CEOs together to discuss and determine how the group will effectively work together on priorities and deliverables.

Ministerial address

The Hon Brendan O'Connor, Minister for Skills and Training, addressed the Forum and acknowledged the work done so far by JSC CEOs in establishing their organisations under new industry engagement arrangements.

In his address, Minister O'Connor emphasised the importance of JSCs establishing strong foundations built on professional and personal working relationships, to resolve skills and workforce needs for businesses, learners and wider economy.

Terms of Reference

The CEOs discussed a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the JSC CEO Network, with a focus on how members should lead, collaborate and work together as a group to effectively and efficiently deliver the JSC program. CEOs agreed to lead further work to refine this document out of session.

Workforce planning

The CEOs discussed the development of Workforce Plans and their ongoing evolution as important statements about skills and training challenges for the sectors covered by each JSC. There was recognition that these documents are new concepts and will progressively mature as each JSC build capacity to work with industry and training sector stakeholders.

Cross-sectoral collaboration

The CEOs discussed collaborative approaches for completing key deliverables such as workforce plans and cross-council projects to address capacity and capability challenges.

The CEOs identified the following five priorities as potential areas of future cross-JSC collaboration. These priorities are:

1. A diverse and inclusive workforce
2. Ensuring ANZCO codes accurately reflect the workforce
3. Supporting teachers and trainer capacity and skills development
4. Digital capability
5. Workforce transition.

These require further scoping and consultation and will be discussed further at the next CEO Forum.

The next meeting of the JSC CEO Network Forum will take place in November 2023.

Friday, 8 September 2023

In attendance:

Rob Bonner (Early Educators, Health and Human Services) Interim CEO HumanAbility

Jean Dyzel (Public Safety and Government) CEO, Public Skills Australia

Michael Hartman (Agribusiness) CEO, Skills Insight

Patrick Kidd (Finance, Business and Technology) CEO, Future Skills Organisation

Gavin Lind (Mining and Automotive) CEO, Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance

Anthea Middleton (Energy Gas and Renewables) CEO, Powering Skills Organisation

Sharon Robertson (Manufacturing) CEO, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance

Brett Schimming, Building (Construction and Property) CEO, BuildSkills Australia

Natalie Turmine (Arts, Personal Services, Retail, Tourism and Hospitality) CEO,
SkillsEquipped

Paul Walsh (Transport and Logistics) CEO, Industry Skills Australia