

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

**NATIONAL TRADE CADETSHIP- FOUNDATION COURSE, AND THE NATIONAL
TRADE CADETSHIP- PRE-APPRENTICE**

Can the Department provide a copy of the curriculum for both the National Trade Cadetship- Foundation course, and the National Trade Cadetship- Pre-Apprentice? (If these haven't been determined yet, ask for a time frame- ACARA has responsibility). Specifically, what skills would you expect a Trade Cadetship- Foundation student to gain from the course? (Find out whether these are skills that school should really be providing anyway). What role do Industry Skills Councils play in determining the curriculum for Trade Cadetships? Will Industry Skills Councils be funded separately for this input?

Answer

The National Trade Cadetships scheme is currently under development and involves three streams.

1. The National Trade Cadetship - Foundation will focus on work readiness skills such as team work, workplace health and safety, self confidence and personal responsibility. The Foundation pathway will also provide workplace literacy and numeracy skills, providing the foundation skills and a pathway for further training and employment.
2. The National Trade Cadetship – Pre-Apprentice will deliver training in specific vocational skills and competencies within a family of agreed occupations such as construction, mechanics, hospitality or IT and incorporates a pathway into an apprenticeship or other vocationally trained occupations and guaranteed credit toward a VET qualification.
3. National Trade Cadetship - Work Experience allows students to engage in blocks of workplace learning to underpin both the Foundation and Pre-Apprentice pathways. The level of engagement in the workplace will be tailored for either the Foundation or Pre-Apprentice pathway.

\$2.5 million in financial year 2010-11 and \$0.6 million in the following financial year has been set aside for the development of National Trade Cadetships.

Industry Skills Councils will work with the Department and ACARA to identify the

particular competencies neededfor cadetships courses.

Funding for the development of the initiative will be distributed in line with the implementation schedule.