



NEW GRANTS AVAILABLE TO DELIVER DEFENCE INDUSTRY TRAINING

Defence Industry Reskilling and Upskilling Grant Program

The Defence Industry Reskilling and Upskilling (DIRU) Grant Program supports the development and delivery of new, customised or existing short courses¹ to meet the defence industry's current and emerging needs.

Industry is encouraged to join this initiative by partnering with Team WA universities² or WA-based registered training organisations and submitting an expression of interest.

The DIRU Program is part of the WA Government's \$11 million investment in boosting the industry's professional and para-professional workforce.

¹ Short courses means micro-credentials, accredited short courses and skill sets.

² Team WA universities are Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, and the University of Western Australia.

Application and award process

1 Release a draft expression of interest document via Tenders WA

The Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) will provide defence industry stakeholders with a draft Expression of Interest (EOI) document via Tenders WA from 23 March 2023 until 13 April 2023, seeking feedback prior to the formal release of the EOI. As it is a new program, this will allow for any issues and concerns to be address before the formal process commences. A briefing session for stakeholders will also be conducted on 30 March 2023.

2 Expressions of interest via Tenders WA

The Department will call for industry to submit an official EOI from 27 April which will close on 18 May 2023. The EOI documentation including program information and conditions will be made available on Tenders WA.

Each EOI will need to demonstrate a partnership with an eligible WA education institution³.

EOIs can be for:



development of new short courses or customisation of existing short courses;



development and delivery of new or customized short courses; or



delivery of new, customised or existing short courses.

3 Submit detailed application

After an evaluation and shortlisting process, DTWD will contact successful organisations and request a detailed application for submission. This is planned for July 2023.

4 Grant awarded

Following an evaluation process. applicants will be advised of the outcome and successful applicants will be provided with a Grant Agreement for signing. This, and the allocation of the first grant payment, is scheduled for late September 2023.



For further information contact the WA Defence Industry Workforce Office at WADIWO@dtwd.wa.gov.au or visit dtwd.wa.gov.au/wadiwo 

³ A Team WA university (Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, or the University of Western Australia), and/or a WA TAFE college or WA-based Registered Training Organisation.