

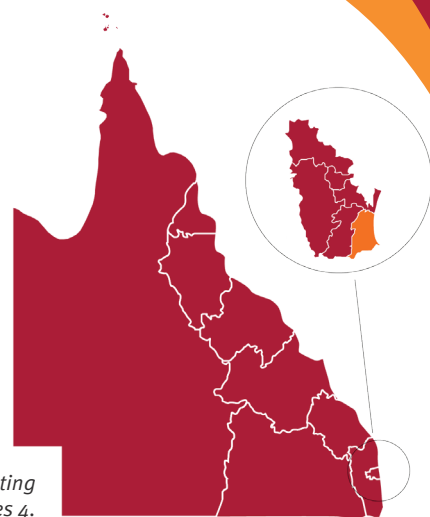
Backing good jobs

Gold Coast

- \$2.3 billion Big Build investment creating 6,500 jobs
- Approximately 14.2 million visitors each year
- Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct
- Gold Coast light rail extension
- Coomera Connector

More than
384,400
employed
by 2025-26

Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*



BACK TO WORK*

669 job seekers

459 local businesses supported by \$8.22 million

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK*

4,572
employed

\$48.58 million
in community programs

Big Build figures: *Gold Coast Regional Action Plan, Queensland Budget 2023-24.*

*As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 largest employing industries



54,946 employed

Health care and social assistance

Aged and disability carers, registered nurses, child carers



40,356 employed

Construction

Electricians, carpenters and joiners, construction managers, plumbers



37,180 employed

Retail trade

Sales assistants (general), retail managers, checkout operators and office cashiers, shelf fillers



35,801 employed

Accommodation and food services

Waiters, kitchenhands, bar attendants and baristas



30,758 employed

Education and training

Primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, education aides, university lecturers and tutors

Gold Coast region projected workforce sizes by 2025-26. Source: Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*

Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028 delivering for the Gold Coast

10,888

Free TAFE students and apprentices

Commencements from 2023 (as at 30 April 2024)

| Popular free courses Gold Coast | Aligned jobs | Average salaries seek.com.au |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Diploma of Nursing | Enrolled nurses | \$65,000 - \$75,000 |
| Certificate III in Plumbing | Plumbers | \$80,000 - \$90,000 |
| Certificate III in Individual Support | Aged and disability carers | \$60,000 - \$70,000 |
| Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care | Early childhood educator | \$60,000 - \$65,000 |
| Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician | Electricians | \$90,000 - \$110,000 |



More Free TAFE upskilling Queenslanders while driving costs down



More local training delivering for local communities



More TAFE Trade Tasters plus skills for school students aligned to good, local jobs



Apprentices and trainees supported across traditional and emerging industries, plus more pre-apprenticeships and Work Skills Traineeships



Skills employers need expanded industry input on workforce needs and priorities



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Emma Flori, Gold Coast | Cabinet-making apprentice

Free TAFE gives Emma a dream career path

Before picking up the tools, Emma Flori faced the universal dilemma of choosing a career path. She was drawn to the idea of engaging in physical work but wasn't sure what direction to take.

A visit to TAFE Queensland's Ashmore campus marked a pivotal moment for Emma – putting her on a path to a dream career, funded as part of the Queensland Government's Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s initiative.

"Among all the different trade areas of electrotechnology, plumbing, automotive, carpentry and engineering, it was cabinet-

making that resonated with me," said Emma, who is now in her first year as an apprentice.

"I love going to work and learning new things each day. I am fascinated by the intricate processes behind kitchen and bathroom constructions and find it very cool to see how it is all put together."

Facing an industry dominated by men, Emma had initial reservations about a trade career. But she soon found a welcoming and supportive community that valued skills over gender, further strengthened by the presence of other women at Joinery Eleven where she works.



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