

Backing good jobs

Townsville region

- \$1.2 billion Big Build investment creating 3,400 jobs
- CopperString 2032
- Largest Australian defence base
- Emerging aquaculture industry
- Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct
- Expansion of Townsville Hospital and Health Service

More than
134,000
employed
by 2025-26

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



BACK TO WORK* **3,987** job seekers
1,636 local businesses
supported by \$42.37 million

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK*

3,334
employed

\$42.62 million
in community programs

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

*As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 largest employing industries



25,056 employed

Health care and social assistance

Registered nurses, aged and disability carers, childcare workers



15,223 employed

Public administration and safety

Defence force members – other ranks, general clerks, police, commissioned officers (management)



12,549 employed

Retail trade

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



12,537 employed

Education and training

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



11,148 employed

Construction

Electricians, carpenters and joiners, construction managers, plumbers

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

V1.0 (20 May 2024)

Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028 delivering for the

Townsville region

4,398

Free TAFE students and apprentices

Commencements from 2023 (as at 30 April 2024)

Popular free courses Townsville region	Aligned jobs	Average salaries seek.com.au
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	Electricians	\$90,000 - \$110,000
Certificate III in Individual Support	Aged and disability carers	\$60,000 - \$70,000
Certificate III in Carpentry	Carpenters	\$75,000 - \$90,000
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Early childhood educators	\$60,000 - \$65,000
Diploma of Nursing	Enrolled nurses	\$65,000 - \$75,000



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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Rye Stott, Townsville | High risk licensing trainer

Rye inspires skilled careers

Rye Stott is an innovative trainer with TAFE Queensland in Townsville who began his career as a soldier and cargo specialist in the Australian Defence Force.

After 12 years' service, Rye moved into the vocational education and training (VET) sector, teaching licensing and construction training in Townsville.

Since 2021, Rye has created TAFE Queensland's new Defence Training Package and built the entire portfolio from the ground up – introducing innovative ideas to change attitudes towards safety in the workplace and improve training outcomes.

With plans to take his career in VET far, Rye is also completing a Bachelor of Adult and Applied Learning through university.

"There's so many great opportunities in vocational education and training for those with skills, experience and passion to share," Rye said.

"Becoming a trainer was a great career move for me and I'm enjoying being able to help others forge their own path in the construction and transport and logistics industries too."