

Protecting yourself from coronavirus

# Rapid Response Skills Initiative



This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about coronavirus (COVID-19). The Tasmanian Government will update interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. This interim guidance is to help everyone plan for community transmission of coronavirus in Tasmania. There is **much to learn about its transmissibility, severity, and other features of the disease.** We want to help everyone prepare their response to this public health threat.

*The health, safety and wellbeing of Tasmanians is our number one priority as we face the challenge of coronavirus. We also recognise there are significant numbers of Tasmanians now out of work due to the COVID situation and trading restrictions.*

*An additional \$6.3 million is being made available to support individuals who have lost their job as a result of COVID-19 to access immediate support to connect to work or training. The program assists workers find a new job or retrain for a new career, and link them with services that can help navigate options.*

## Rapid Response Skills Training Support

To support Tasmanians in these challenging times, the existing *Rapid Response Skills Initiative* will be expanded to help redeploy people who have lost their job as result of the impacts of COVID-19.

The Rapid Response Skills Initiative assists individuals to be reskilled and to connect to jobs in industries where there is immediate and emerging demand.

Support up to \$3 000 is available for career advice and training for people who have lost their jobs because they have been made redundant, the place they worked has closed or their employer had to let staff go.

## Rapid Response Skills Matching Service

To help move workers into new jobs as quickly as possible, a *Rapid Response Skills Matching Service* is also being established to help match and prepare a job ready workers with industries and businesses.

The service will focus on sectors where there is increasing job demand now, including in health and related services, transport and logistics and retail, but can be accessed by any business needing staff.

## Eligibility

Individuals can apply for *Rapid Response Skills Training Support* funding if they have recently lost work due to retrenchment, downsizing or business closure.

Businesses that have immediate job needs and opportunities available can register for the *Rapid Response Skills Matching Service* now.

## To apply

**Individuals** can apply for career advice and training support at [www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/support\\_for\\_retrenced\\_and\\_redundant\\_workers](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/support_for_retrenced_and_redundant_workers)

**Businesses** can register if they have employment opportunities at [www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/support\\_for\\_retrenced\\_and\\_redundant\\_workers](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/support_for_retrenced_and_redundant_workers)

## Contact and assistance

For advice on eligibility or for assistance with your application please call Skills Tasmania on 1800 655 846 or email [rapid.response@skills.tas.gov.au](mailto:rapid.response@skills.tas.gov.au)

If you make the difficult decision to downsize or close your business, please contact us early to see where we can assist you and your staff.