

TRAINING WORKERS TO TACKLE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SPREAD

COVID-19 FACT SHEET

Subsidised infection control training fast-tracked for re-opening businesses.

The Australian Government, along with all State and Territory governments, have agreed to jointly invest in a new \$80 million infection control training fund.

The fund will support customer-facing businesses to train workers in how to minimise the risk of spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and support them to re-open safely.

HOW IT WILL WORK

The fund will enable the rollout of new infection control short courses; the first national training product developed by the new Australian Industry Skills Emergency Response Sub-Committee in response to COVID-19.

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WHY IT IS NEEDED

With a critical need to keep Australians safe during the coronavirus pandemic Australian governments have taken urgent action to provide nationally accredited training to ensure customer-facing workplaces can

re-open safely and as quickly as possible.

This infection control training is designed to empower workers by teaching them the skills and knowledge they need to decrease risk and transmission of infection while carrying out their daily duties.

The trained workers will help to inspire confidence in their customers while also helping to minimise the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus as Australia re-opens businesses, rebuilds the workforce and positions for strong and rapid economic recovery.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Participants will learn a range of skills, including:

- Hand hygiene practices
- Effective surface cleaning
- Use of personal protective equipment
- Disposal of contaminated waste
- Hazard identification, control, and reporting
- Appropriate protocols and responses in the event of an incident
- Knowledge regarding the basis of infection and transmission

WHEN WILL IT BEGIN?

The training will be delivered through state and territory governments from July 1, 2020.

Fast facts...

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