Public Skills Australia Networks Model: Membership overview and guidance

What is the intention of Public Skills Australia's Networks Model, and how does it run?

Public Skills Australia is a national, not-for-profit Jobs and Skills Council appointed by the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. We operate across all key phases of growing a skilled workforce. From research, planning and the development of accredited Vocation Education and Training (VET) products, workforce planning, industry stewardship, and other strategic initiatives for Australia's Government and Public Safety industry-sectors.

Networks bring diverse subject matter expertise, community perspectives and lived experience in providing advice on our work. Being part of a network provides opportunity for members to collaborate with peers across sectors and regions and to have a say on development of accredited training, workforce planning and strategic priorities in Government and Public Safety. Network members can engage with us in several ways.

Focus group/project drop-in sessions:

- These sessions are held as needed, for 1.5 – 2 hours. The purpose of these sessions is to seek advice from the networks on specific issues of relevance related to projects being undertaken by Public Skills Australia.

Cross-network collaboration forum:

- One day bi-annual forums, with in-person and online attendance available. The next forum will be held in Melbourne/online on 31 March 2026.
- Engaging and interactive discussions, workshopping, project solution and product co-design, networking with a broad range of leaders and professionals.

Ongoing information sharing and bespoke consultations:

- Flow of information sharing, tapping into the knowledge, expertise and community linkages of the networks, keeping our fingers on the pulse: get in touch with us if you have any resources, publications, sources, or event ideas you want to discuss or to be considered and on our radar, you can reach us via networks@publicskillsaustralia.org.au.

Who are we looking to engage, and how do I join?

The model consists of the following network consultation groups:

- Careers and Pathways network.
- Diversity and Inclusion network.
- First Nations network.
- Registered Training Organisations network.
- Volunteers network.

We are seeking nominations by organisations or individuals who are recognised as a leading authority or advocate in these areas and have a strong interest in the ways our industry-sectors operate and approach developing capability.

Membership is voluntary. Participation is flexible; we understand that the timing of engagements won't always work with everyone's availability and competing priorities, but if you can spare some time to contribute your expertise every now and then, this can make a significant difference to the work.

Network nominations are subject to review and approval by Public Skills Australia.

If you would like to learn more about the networks or for any related matters, please contact networks@publicskillsaustralia.org.au.

Related document links

- Public Skills Australia - Networks Terms of Reference
- Jobs and Skills Council - Code of Conduct