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### Outline

The *Vocational Training Act 1989* establishes the Vocational Training Authority whose functions include the development, implementation and review of training programs for prescribed vocations, the general supervision of the practical and theoretical training of trainees, the assessment of the competence of trainees as well as advising the Minister on training matters.

Prescribed vocations fall under two categories, namely, "trades" and "declared vocations". "Trades" are those occupations such as hairdressing, plumbing and bricklaying which offer traditional apprenticeships. "Declared vocations" include those occupations which offer traineeships and other forms of non-trade vocations such as banking or public administration.

Schedules 1 and 2 of the Vocational Training Regulations specify the trades and prescribed vocations for the purposes of the Act. The amending Regulations amend the Schedules by amending the lists of trades and declared vocations. The list of declared vocations has been expanded considerably.

The amendments allow employers to enter a training agreement with trainees/apprentices, allow employers to access off-job training subsidies and may also allow employers to access subsidies available from the Commonwealth.

### Financial considerations

There are no direct costs associated with the amending Regulations.

Details of the Regulations follow.

### Details

#### *Commencement and Citation*

**Regulations 1 and 2** provide that the Regulations will take effect upon notice in the Gazette and that a reference in the Regulations to "Principal Regulations" means the Vocational Training Regulations.

#### *Schedule 1*

**Regulation 3** amends Schedule 1 of the Principal Regulations by adding the following items to the list of trades:

- Construction Worker (Fitout and Finish)
- French Polishing
- Roof Tiling
- Breadmaking

*Substitution - Schedule 2*

**Regulation 4** substitutes a new Schedule 2 into the Principal Regulations which basically expands the list of declared vocations. Only one item - "hospitality - waiting" has been removed from the original list. The other items in the original Schedule 2 such as "Government Service - office administration", "Government Service - office technology" and "Private Sector - office procedures" have been replaced by more appropriate descriptions of the vocations, that is, "public administration (ACT Government Service)", "public administration (Australian Public Service)", and "clerical and office administration". Other new declared vocations include various automobile related services, childcare, electrical trades, pharmacy and travel.