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FREE TRAINING FOR VETERANS

Veterans and their partners will have access to free training to broaden their career opportunities and help transition to civilian life after service.

As part of the landmark Veterans Skills Program, eligible learners can study any course offered under the Government's Smart and Skilled program from a Certificate II to Advanced Diplomas, including all apprenticeships and selected traineeships.

Veterans and their partners can choose between more than 450 Registered Training Organisations including NSW TAFE.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the free training was part of the NSW Government's Veterans Strategy to support more than 200,000 former Australian Defence Force personnel across the State.

"The NSW Government understands it can be hard for some former Defence Force Personnel to navigate life and find work after their service," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We want to ensure our veterans enjoy a smooth transition from military service to civilian life, with opportunities to continue developing their skills and participate fully in society."

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said Skills NSW was working with employers, industry and veterans groups to provide targeted training to assist veterans into jobs.

"A key area of the Veterans Strategy is Education and Employment, which aims to ensure our veterans find the right job or training post-service.

"In addition to our fee-free training for veterans, our NSW Veterans Employment Program has helped 1,094 veterans find new and meaningful roles in the public sector 18 months ahead of our target date.

"With fee-free training, we can now help even more veterans reskill in order to take advantage of jobs available in the market including in industries experiencing skills shortages."

More information on Veteran Skills, visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/veterans>

For more information on the NSW Veterans Strategy 2021-2024, visit:
<https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/assets/veterans-affairs/NSW-Veterans-Strategy-2021-24.pdf>

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