

Research Directions

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Increased Apprenticeship Intake

Dr Phil Toner, College of Law and Business has received funding from Dusseldorp Skills Forum and Group Training Australia Limited to explore the increase in apprenticeship intake over the last two years.

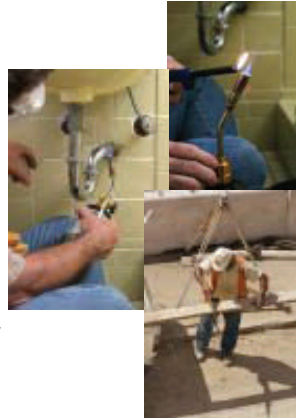
“The purpose of the research is to identify the factors that have led employers to dramatically increase their investment in training apprentices as well as the large increase in suitable applicants for these vacancies”, Dr Toner explained.

The study involves gathering two types of information. A random sample mail survey will be carried out of 1500 apprentice employers. A telephone survey will then be conducted with company managers.

These surveys will be designed to draw out the reasons for the surge in apprentice intake and perceptions of any change in the quality of applicants for apprenticeship positions.

Finally, focus groups with 30 apprentices in their first or second year of training in NSW. The focus groups will ascertain what factors influenced their decision to take up a traditional trade.

It is envisaged that the results of the study, will guide public policy in the area of vocational training. The researchers hope to redress any future under-investment in apprenticeships as well as stimulate new areas of research in vocational training.



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