

## **Additional language, literacy and numeracy training places for newly retrenched workers**

As part of the \$28.2 million Building the Basics package the Australian Government is investing in more language, literacy and numeracy training places for newly retrenched workers.

The Government is investing \$21.34 million for an additional 4138 training places in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) to equip newly retrenched workers aged 25 years and over whose language, literacy and numeracy skills are preventing them from gaining sustainable employment or undertaking further education and training.

By supporting job seekers with low literacy levels the Government is making a strong contribution to lifting the skill base of individuals vulnerable in an economic downturn. Investing in a skilled workforce will also benefit employers and industry as the economy recovers.

### **Who will benefit from the additional places in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program?**

Newly retrenched workers and job seekers aged 25 years and over experiencing barriers to employment or further education and training due to a language, literacy and numeracy skills need.

Workers who are retrenched as a result of the economic down turn and who could benefit from up-skilling in the area of language, literacy and numeracy.

### **When will these additional training places be available?**

Additional training places in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program will be available immediately and until 30 June 2010.

### **What training will participants receive through the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program?**

Participants in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program will be entitled to up to 800 hours of language, literacy and numeracy training over a two-year period.

### **Where will the additional places be available?**

The additional places will be available nationally.

There are approximately 40 Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program training providers across Australia, including a national distance mode training provider. The additional training places are available through every Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program provider.

### **Who is eligible for one of these additional training places?**

Centrelink and employment service providers can advise individuals as to whether they may be eligible for a Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program training place.

Generally, to be eligible for a training place an individual must be a job seeker registered with Centrelink and not a full-time student, be of working age, satisfy eligibility criteria relating to benefit and visa status and have a capacity to benefit from training.

### **How can an individual access a Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program training place?**

Through Centrelink or an employment service provider, eligible individuals are referred to a Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program training provider.

### **How do people interested in participating in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program find out more information?**

Further information is available on the following website: <http://www.llnp.deewr.gov.au/>