



STATEMENT

SYC ANNOUNCES SUBSTANTIAL REALIGNMENT OF ITS TRAINING PROSPECTS OPERATIONS

- Strategic review of Training Prospects operations
- Plans to exit training in most qualifications
- Managed process with student wellbeing at the centre of the process

ADELAIDE, 5 March 2018 | Training Prospects, a division of SYC Limited, has announced a strategic review of operations that will result in a major realignment of its operations as a Registered Training Organisation.

The strategic review will see Training Prospects manage a staged exit from training delivery and assessment across a number of vocational areas including plumbing, engineering, cabinet making, warehousing and electrotechnology between now and 30 June 2018.

Training Prospects will continue training in construction and business as well as providing a range of schools programs and Learner Support Servicesⁱ.

SYC has entered an agreement to transition a majority of students in many qualifications currently delivered by Training Prospectsⁱⁱ to South Australian registered training organisation, PEER, as part of a new Strategic Alliance between the two organisations. For students transitioning to PEER, to ensure continuity, PEER is retaining the Training Prospects site.

A process to transition current students enrolled in qualifications that are not offered by PEER has also commenced. Affected employees, students and their employers are being notified of the proposed transition from today. We will continue to keep our employees, students and their employers fully informed of any changes that may impact them.

These activities are occurring in partnership with the relevant Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider.

Further information on the transition process is available for students and employers by calling Training Prospects on (08) 8287-2566. Facts Sheets for students and employers will be available on the Training Prospects website shortly at www.trainingprospects.com.au

SYC Chief Executive Officer, Paul Edginton, stressed that the priority in this transition period would be to minimise the impact to students and their host employers as a result of these changes.

“This Strategic Review is necessary in the face of unprecedented challenges in the vocational education and training sector,” he explained. “In recent years this sector has seen changes to state funding of training delivery, the realignment of the economy away from entry level positions and, for trades training, increasing capital requirements that mean you need to have a critical mass of enrolments to be commercially viable.”





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Mr Edginton reaffirmed the commitment of SYC to northern Adelaide notwithstanding the changes at Training Prospects. “Northern Adelaide continues to be our largest operating region nationwide,” he noted. “Across our employment, training and youth services, one in six employees of SYC work in Northern Adelaide.”

“We have been here for nearly two decades and remain committed to being a part of this community and supporting people onto pathways towards independence and prosperity,” Mr Edginton concluded.

ⁱ Qualifications that SYC intends to retain on its scope of registration are:

- Certificate III in Business
- Certificates I and II in Construction
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

ⁱⁱ Qualifications and students in short courses that are to be transferred to PEER are:

- CPC32413 Certificate III in Plumbing
- UEE20111 Certificate II in Split Air-Conditioning
- UEE30811 Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Basic Emergency Life Support
- CPR
- Electrical Rescue and Resuscitation
- Electrical Tag and Testing
- First Aid
- Safe Working at Heights
- Split Air-Conditioning and Heat Pumps
- White Card
- NREL

About PEER

For 30 years PEER have been leading the skill development of South Australia in Plumbing, Electrical, Data Communications and Refrigeration through apprenticeships and training. In this time PEER has trained over 45,000 people and 3,000 apprentices. PEER has a 90% completion rate and 95% of their apprentices are employed in their chosen trade on completion. This is achieved through their partnerships with over 250 host organisations.

