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Start an Apprenticeship or Traineeship Today

With South Australia leading the nation in the number of people commencing trade apprenticeships, there has never been a better time to start a trade apprenticeship or business administration traineeship.

The September 2020 quarter National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) data released last week shows South Australia was the only state or territory to increase the number of apprentices and trainees in-training, with a 7.8% increase, compared to the previous year.

Trade occupation commencements in South Australia also increased by 2.5%, the only increase in the nation.

PEER has witnessed first-hand the increase in apprentice and trainee commencements, including the recent sign-up of the first Certificate III in Business Trainee for BHP Olympic Dam. PEER is proud to partner with BHP, who last year announced their commitment to train 3,500 new Australian apprenticeship and training positions.

Highly regarded for delivering leading training solutions, PEER has a profound history of delivering national accredited training including training over 3,500 apprentices and trainees. With its PEER Academy model, PEER ensure apprentices and trainees are trained, mentored, coached and supported both as professionals and as individuals.

PEER CEO Peter Nolan says it's an exciting time for PEER as demand for its quality training solutions continues to grow.

“PEER is partnering with BHP to provide a customised workforce solution through traineeships and apprenticeships. It is a great achievement for PEER to be recognised by the largest company in Australia as leading in traineeships and apprenticeships. Already we are growing this relationship and exploring new opportunities that will benefit BHP and South Australian workers,” says Peter.

BHP Olympic Dam Asset President Jennifer Purdie said: “We are committed to providing apprenticeships, skills and training opportunities for South Australians of all ages and all walks of life, particularly in our regional communities.

“We want to establish pathways into our company and industry for people who may not have previously considered a career in mining. Investing in sustainable entry

level positions creates a pipeline of future talent in highly skilled roles, in an industry that delivers essential products and keeps the South Australian economy strong.”

Minister for Innovation and Skills David Pisoni said: “An apprenticeship gives you a great opportunity to learn real skills in the workplace, earn a nationally-recognised qualification and be paid a wage while you learn.

“With the Australian and South Australian Governments providing significant skills and training incentives, including a 50% wage subsidy up to \$28,000 for 12 months for eligible employers, there has never been a better time to take up an apprenticeship or traineeship.”

About PEER

PEER is the largest employer of apprentices within the building and construction industry in South Australia. It delivers training and assessment for electrical, plumbing, data communication, and refrigeration/air-conditioning trades.

PEER also delivers Vocational Education Training (VET) courses in schools, upskilling courses and skills recognition training.

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