Peter Styles
Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Minister for Employment and Training

International Women’s Day Training Grants open

8 March 2016

The Northern Territory Government is doing more to help women looking to upskill and re-enter the workforce through important changes to the government’s International Women’s Day Training Grants.

Deputy Chief Minister Peter Styles said 2016 is the first year since the program’s inception in 2008 that organisations as well as individuals can apply.

“Women play a vital role in our community including in the workplace and the Northern Territory Government understands the importance of supporting them to achieve,” Mr Styles said.

“In 2016 the guidelines for the International Women’s Day Training grants have been reviewed to increase opportunities for Territory women to benefit from the scheme.

“The Department of Business is offering eight grants, four of up to $2,000 for individual women and four grants of up to $4,000 for organisations to enable women to undertake recognised vocational education and training (VET) that leads to employment or community capacity building.

“Priority will be given to women studying in skills shortage areas that include automotive industry retail, service and repair, health, community services, construction and electro technology among others.”

To be eligible to apply an individual must:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- Be a Northern Territory Resident
- Have not worked in a full-time position in the last 12 months.
- Have not worked more than 20 hours per week in the last three months.
- Be enrolled in a vocational education and training (VET) course/qualification or a skill set in the year of this grant. (Grant is only available for a new course or new skill sets enrolments).
- Cannot be a recipient of another grant/scholarship relating to the course/units being applied for.
Training for a full qualification is to be completed within two years.

Organisations looking to apply must:

- Be permanently based in the Northern Territory.
- Be either a registered training organisation, registered business or non-government organisation or industry association or peak body in the NT.
- Training for skills sets must be completed within 12 months.

Mr Styles said grant payments will be made in two instalments – 80% upon successful application and 20% upon submission of evidence of completion of training.

“The grants must be used for payment of course fees, course materials/tools, books or other costs directly associated with the study or area of training delivery,” Mr Styles said.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to strengthening the Territory’s skills base and generating opportunities to ensure a prosperous economy for all Territorians for generations to come.”

Application forms are available online via this link and can be emailed to training.nt@nt.gov.au or posted to: Howard Lai, Senior Policy Officer, Training NT, Department of Business, GPO Box 3200, Darwin NT 0801.

Applications open today and close Friday, 8 April 2016.

Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, 25 April 2016.

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