

BuildSkills Australia – 10 Year Water Sector Workforce Roadmap

BuildSkills Australia is the national Jobs and Skills Council for the built environment sector, established by the Australian Government to help address workforce challenges across construction, property, and water industries.

We work in partnership with industry, unions, and government to develop practical, evidence-based solutions. Our role is to listen to industry needs and translate them into policies and programs that support workforce development.

BuildSkills collaborates with state and territory governments to identify local workforce issues, improve access to skills data, and align efforts across sectors. This helps strengthen the vocational education and training (VET) system and deliver better outcomes for learners, businesses, and governments.

We manage four national training packages, covering 92 qualifications and nearly 1,500 units of competency. These packages are regularly reviewed and updated through industry consultation to ensure they meet current and future workforce needs.

One of these is the National Water Package (NWP), which includes qualifications from Certificate II to Diploma level and contains 169 units of competency.

Over the next year, BuildSkills Australia will lead the development of a **10-Year Water Sector Workforce Roadmap**. This project will be driven by industry input and backed by strong evidence, delivering actionable strategies to address workforce challenges and support long-term planning in the water sector.

This presentation will provide an overview of the remit for BuildSkills Australia and provide an overview of the roadmap project.