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Question

Manufacturing Skills Australia

Where is Manufacturing Skills Australia located and what progress has been made?

Answer

Manufacturing Skills Australia (MSA) operates out of one office which is located in Sydney, but with staff working in Canberra, Melbourne and Brisbane.

MSA has:

- recruited new staff with specialised automotive industry expertise and dedicated two industry coordinators to the automotive industry training advisory arrangements
- reviewed governance arrangements with the view of incorporating three automotive representatives on the MSA Board- an organisation from automotive manufacturing sector, an organisation from automotive retail, services and repair sector and a union representative
- established a Board Sub Committee to review the AUR05 Retail, Services and Repair Training Package
- submitted to the National Training Information Service changes to the AUR05 Retail, Services and Repair Training Package which had been identified in the ATA continuous improvement plan for this training package
- commenced a national consultation process with automotive industry stakeholders regarding the review and continuous improvement of the AUR05 Retail, Services and Repair Training Package and
- consulted with national stakeholders to develop an automotive industry Environmental Scan.
- reconfigured their website to incorporate the automotive industry information base to allow for industry feedback on the two automotive training packages and established an on line reference group for anyone with an interest in automotive training or workforce development