

The Construction Accord – Expanding the Skills for Industry Initiative

We are committed to help reduce the overall impact of COVID-19 unemployment by preparing people to work in the construction sector.

COVID-19 Budget Package 2020

Addressing the skill and labour shortage in the construction industry, providing opportunities for employment to assist in responding and recovering from the impacts of COVID-19.

The Government has invested \$59.6 million in expanding the successful Skills for Industry programme to help close the skills gap and provide employment opportunities in the construction sector.

- The Ministry of Social Development’s (MSD) Skills for Industry course has proven effective in providing training to create a pathway for jobseekers into construction related employment.
- MSD’s partners have identified projects across the country that need people working on them as soon as possible.
- This funding will provide among other opportunities:
 - 800 training places in the Kiwi Can Do programme
 - 800 training places to support the New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP) “Fast Five” and National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) supplier partnerships
 - 250 training places to meet initial demand from national partners for ‘shovel ready’ projects
 - 550 places to expand Ngā Puna Pūkenga – a partnership with the Auckland Council for ‘shovel ready’ opportunities
 - Up to 1,150 training places for the new Mayors Taskforce for Jobs initiative to provide employment recovery support to local councils.
- This funding also supports the national co-ordination and delivery of Industry Partnerships, including supporting MSD regional engagement for employment outcomes.

Costs (operating) \$m

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	TOTAL
4.0	27.8	27.8	-	59.6