

Workplace Literacy in Australia– A Joint Position Statement

WORKPLACE LITERACY IN AUSTRALIA

Improving literacy and numeracy in the workplace plays an essential role in a skilled and productive workforce for Australia, now and for the future.

Improved literacy, numeracy and digital literacy can help everyone to contribute fully at work and in daily life. It supports people in adapting to the changing needs of future workplaces. Stronger literacy and numeracy leads to higher-performing, safer workplaces and more confident, engaged staff. It supports employees to build on their existing skills and adapt to new practices.

The partners below commit to work together to:

- Advocate for Australian Governments to adopt a national workplace literacy and numeracy policy
- Promote access to quality workplace literacy and numeracy programs, both formal and non-formal
- Engage with industries where workplace literacy, numeracy and digital demands are increasing and substantively changing
- Support government agencies to make workplace literacy a priority
- Coordinate work on workplace literacy across private and public entities and build fresh connections between:
 - employers
 - adult literacy and numeracy experts
 - industry bodies
 - government agencies
 - adult education providers
 - Indigenous and community organisations
 - researchers
 - policy makers
- Promote Plain English communication
- Promote research into good practice in managing and delivering literacy and numeracy workplace programs

