



# INVITATION *for* MEMBERSHIP

## ***What is the CSH ITAB?***

The Community Services and Health ITAB is an autonomous, not for profit association formed from and made up entirely of; people and organisations across the breadth of both sectors. It is one of a network of industry advisory bodies in NSW. It is the principal source of advice to government and the community services and health industries regarding training and workforce development in New South Wales.

We aim to promote the development and maintenance of a skilled, versatile and responsive Community Services and Health workforce by enhancing the industry learning culture.

This is achieved through providing leadership, innovation, information and assistance to relevant stakeholders, industry organisations, workplaces and training providers and consultants around workforce development, skills recognition and training.

## ***What does the CSH ITAB do?***

The CSH ITAB works in partnership with its members and industry to promote and obtain quality, accessible and industry relevant skill development, recognition and training to enhance the skills and capacity of the workforce. The CSH ITAB also works to ensure that NSW government departments and other funding and policy agencies are aware of the training needs of the industry.

This is achieved through the provision of leadership, information and assistance to relevant stakeholders, using a range of strategies made possible by continuing to:

- *Work collaboratively at local regional and statewide levels*
- *Create alliances, collaboration and connections*
- *Be a voice to influence government, industry, work and training policy*
- *Create opportunities through developing the capacity and quality of our workforce*

## ***Who belongs to the CSH ITAB?***

Employers, government departments, unions, industry associations, service providers, individuals and training providers. Our members range from the smallest community based services to the largest industry organisations and employers. They include peak support and advocacy groups that represent services at a regional and state wide level as well as small for profit businesses who work within the industry.

**Industry Sectors covered by the CSH ITAB include:**



***ITAB Membership Categories:***

*Industry Associate membership* (for employers, government departments, unions, industry associations, peak bodies or service providers)

*Training Provider Affiliate membership* (for registered education and training organisations)

*Affiliate Individual membership* (for individuals associated with the industry)

## ***How is the CSH ITAB run?***

The CSH ITAB is governed by a tripartite board made up of employer, union and peak organisation representatives. On a day to day basis, services are provided by a small secretariat.

## ***How is the CSH ITAB financed?***

All income of the CSH ITAB has to be generated. Some income is obtained from contracts with government and other agencies - the balance is generated through membership fees, conferences, publication sales, consultancy services, special project work and donations.

## ***Membership fees:***

Annual membership fees are levied against all categories of membership of the CSH ITAB using a sliding scale that takes into account:

- Whether the member organisation is a not for profit agency
- Organisational budget levels
- The size of the member organisations workforce
- The capacity of the organisation or individual to pay fees

Members self select the membership category they fall within and the fee they should pay each year. The annual membership year is from July to June.

Trainer Provider Affiliate membership must be accompanied with a copy of their scope of registration certificate and copies of annexure.

## ***Membership benefits:***

- Member discount on fee-for-service advisory services
- Member discounts on CSH ITAB product purchases
- Updates on industry training reform
- Participation in processes that influence industry training policies and programs in NSW
- Advice on funding opportunities for training
- Advice on training opportunities and changes
- Advice on information on training resources
- Priority invitations to national and state training consultations, forums and conferences

## ***How do I join?***

Simply fill out the CSH ITAB membership application form (link below) and send it to us with your membership payment. Acceptance of membership, and ongoing membership, is at the discretion of the Board.

<http://www.csh-itab.com.au/documents/MembershipApplication09-10.pdf>

## ***More information?***

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