



# Media Release

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## nbn invests in training for 4,500 industry workers

### Program aims to boost nbn™ industry workforce to 9,000 jobs

**nbn**, with its delivery partners, is about to embark on a significant recruitment and training drive to support the accelerated connection of eight million homes to the **nbn™** network by 2020.

The current construction workforce is expected to double to 9,000, with **nbn** committing nearly \$40 million for training and awareness campaigns to help attract an extra 4,500 workers into the industry.

"To bring high speed broadband to Australians faster, our delivery partners will need a bigger pool of trained, skilled workers," said **nbn** CEO Bill Morrow.

Flexible career options will be explored by construction partners to attract late-stage career workers looking to balance their hours with lifestyle and family. Roles in coaching and training for new industry entrants will harness their experience and provide valuable expertise to younger workers setting out in the industry.

**nbn** also aims to attract school leavers and workers rolling off other construction jobs, building a range of training and re-skilling programs with tailored career paths. The intention is to expand the industry's workforce to meet construction and activation requirements. Long-term opportunities will also be created as the network moves into ongoing operations and maintenance.

"To those with telco experience, there are options to use your skills or become a teacher and coach for the next generation of workers," said Mr Morrow.

"To those thinking about what course or career to pursue, our partners are developing options that will include training and real job opportunities on the **nbn™** network over the long term."

The occupations needed to meet **nbn's** requirements include telco copper cable jointers, telco linesworkers, cablers, telco technicians and electrical linesworkers.

**nbn** is signing agreements with a number of training organisations, comprising TAFEs and Registered Training Organisations, with providers in every major rollout region across the country. Further, a national **nbn™** skills register will also be established to help record worker accreditations across the **nbn™** network.

"Both the rapid roll out plan and the multi-technology mix means we need more people in our united partnership to connect eight million happy homes by 2020," added Morrow.

"Together we aim to bring high speed broadband to Australians to bridge the digital divide and create new opportunities for business, health, education and entertainment."

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## Notes to editors

Jobs building the nbn<sup>™</sup> network, and at the company:

- **nbn** modelling predicts 4,500 additional roles will be needed, bringing the minimum construction workforce forecast to 9,000 roles.
- NSW/ACT to see an additional 1300, Queensland an additional 850, Victoria an additional 800, Western AUstralia an additional 850, SA/NT an additional 400, Tasmania an additional 200.
- **nbn** the company employs around 3,600 people.

**nbn's** objective is to ensure that by 2020:

- All homes, businesses and communities across Australia can access high speed broadband;
- 8 million premises are connected to the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network;
- The company generates more than \$4 billion of annual revenue.

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