

# Employment News

## Northern Territory Occupation Shortage List 2010

The NT Occupation Shortage List is a list of occupations that are in shortage or experiencing recruitment difficulties across the Northern Territory. The list is evidence based and occupations are only included where sufficient evidence is available.

The Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) State and Territory Skill Shortage List Northern Territory forms the basis for the list. The 2010 list has been revised in line with updated lists from DEEWR and findings from consultations undertaken by DBE. Thank you to those who contributed. The list indicates whether an occupation is experiencing shortages or recruitment difficulties. The differences between shortages and recruitment difficulties can in some cases be quite blurred however the information is useful in understanding the underlying issues behind the problem and assists in determining a suitable response. The NT Occupation Shortage List is used to inform government decision-making that relates

to occupational shortages. Currently the list is used to determine eligibility for funding under the NT Occupational Shortage Incentive Scheme introduced by the NT Government under Jobs Plan 3. The scheme offers incentives to employers who take on an apprentice or trainee undertaking a VET qualification that leads to an occupation on the list. The list may also be of use to other government agencies and organisations that make decisions about funding or other strategies that relate to skill shortages. The Employment Division welcomes evidence of occupations experiencing recruitment difficulty or skill shortage throughout the year however the list is only updated annually.