



More than 18,000 visitors are expected at Adelaide Showground to see businesses and educators at Australia's largest employment event.

Door opens to planning the path for your future

THE National Careers and Employment Expo is Australia's largest event of its type. The Adelaide expo has been the leading platform for organisations to present real jobs, career pathways and further education opportunities to thousands of South Australians since it was first held in this state in 2002.

The two-day event will be held at the Jubilee Pavilion at Adelaide Showground on Friday, May 20, and Saturday, May 21.

With free entry, the friendly and informal character of the event provides a welcome and unique environment for visitors to engage with employers, career advisers and education and training providers. More than 18,000 visitors are expected to attend to see exhibiting employers and educators. These will include leading universities, TAFE and private education providers and such employers as South Australia Police, SA Water, Rio Tinto, Qantas, Bueyrus, Defence Force Recruitment, Oz Minerals, Osmoflo and Flight Centre to

promote and recruit for apprentice, trainee, graduate and general employment opportunities.

The expo is supported by and partnered with a number of key SA organisations, including the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, Service Skills SA, SA Health, The Advertiser and CareerOne.

This year's event will again deliver a showcase of employment, skills, education and training opportunities and marks the beginning of a significant event initiative, a new skills-focused vocational education section called Skilllex.

Skilllex has a clear focus on addressing industries in the state facing present and future skill shortages.

This section of the event will showcase skilled areas and vocational education and training, including traditional and non-traditional trades as well as health care, information technology, retail, hospitality, hair and beauty and business services.

Interactivity is the key to Skilllex where exhibitors invite visitors to come and try and get a hands-on experience with various employers and educators. It's led by the WorldSkills Try a Trade section, which provides visitors the opportunity to try such trades and skills as bricklaying, hair dressing, motor engineering, tiling and many more skills.

The 2011 Seminar Programs will change this year with an increase to two separate seminar theatres featuring presentations from a range of education providers, government agencies, employers and industry bodies.

National Career Development Week and the Career Industry Council of Australia also will be working with the event in promoting career development and the need for everyone to develop skills to manage their careers, learning, work and lives.

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