



# Update skills for future job success

A WILLINGNESS to improve your skills will give you an advantage in securing your employment.

The official unemployment rate for April remained unchanged at 4.9 per cent and while there was a loss of full-time jobs, conditions are expected to improve from this month.

Quest Newspapers' careers columnist Kate Southam advised candidates to be adapt-

able and be willing to upskill.

According to recruitment giant Hays, among the sectors showing greatest projected growth are health, particularly aged care and infrastructure.

"Personal services and services for families are also expected to remain in high demand, including hairdressing and child care," Ms Southam said.

"Training is a great way to keep your skills current and can also be a step towards changing your career," she said.

"Research is your first step and course providers are a good source of information.

"Ask about the key skills and attributes required to succeed in the job roles related to their study programs and about the employment prospects for gradu-

ates.

"It's also a good idea to try and find someone in your personal network who works in the field you want to join.

"Ask them to describe a typical day at work."

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**IMPROVE OR LOSE:** Candidates who are adaptable and willing to upskill have an advantage in securing employment