

CDAA Applauds Federal Government's New National Career Education Strategy

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The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) applauds a Federal Government decision to develop a National Career Education Strategy with consultation from career professionals.

The Federal Government announced the new strategy yesterday to improve career advice in schools. The strategy is part of a \$73.6 billion Education Quality Reform released ahead of tomorrow's May 3 budget.

CDAA national president Andrew Rimington, who recently met with a key education ministry official to discuss concerns around career support in schools, welcomes the decision.

"This announcement by the Federal Government is applauded by CDAA. For too long, career development in schools has lacked national coordination and consistency," Mr Rimington said.

"The association looks forward to working with the Government, and career and education sectors to improve career advice in schools."

While pleased with yesterday's decision, the association now calls on the Government to take a holistic workplace approach to career development issues.

"The Government must now take into account those who are disadvantaged in the current labour market," Mr Rimington said.

"This includes youth who are not engaged with employment, education and training, people with disabilities, the long-term unemployed, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) job seekers, women re-entering the workforce and mature aged workers."

Mr Rimington said taking a holistic approach will help build the flexible skills needed for Australia's future workforce.

The Education Quality Reform also includes improving outcomes in teacher quality, literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

[The 2016 CDAA National Conference](#) will focus on future skills shortages in STEM, providing informed debate about how to fill this need.

The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) commenced as the Australian Association of Career Counsellors in 1989, and is Australia's largest cross-sectoral association of career development professionals working in a diverse range of roles, delivering services in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. The primary purpose of the CDAA is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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