

# Pharmaceutical Bioprocessing Project

Help define national skills standards for pharmaceutical bioprocessing.

Pharmaceutical bioprocessing techniques are making it possible to treat some illnesses where no other treatments were previously available. The skills standards of those working in manufacturing and distribution of pharmaceutical bioprocessing products are unique to traditional pharmaceutical manufacturing.

You're invited to provide feedback on current work practices and skills, so that they can be captured in nationally endorsed units of competency.

## Why is this project happening?

As pharmaceutical bioprocessing relies on the behaviour of living organisms, there are many variables to be considered in the manufacturing process. In order to get consistent results in treatment and diagnosis it is essential to mitigate product degradation, process variability and contamination. Workers in this area also require high level analytical skills to work with new technologies and interpret data.

Currently, no nationally endorsed units of competency are available in this specific area. Consultation with industry will continue throughout this project to address the need for these skills standards.

*The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Reference Committee is overseeing this project, as part of their responsibility to support engagement with the sector, and to ensure the project meets industry stakeholder needs.*

## Key dates

### March 2020

Draft skill standards available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

### April 2020

The redrafted documents will be available for comment and validation.

### August 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

*\* Please check website for updates*

## Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for this sector?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards for job roles in pharmaceutical bioprocessing, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

### Visit [skillsimpact.com.au](https://skillsimpact.com.au) to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project managers, Cathy or Will, on 03 9321 3526.

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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