

Communique

Meeting No: 2021.02

18 October 2021

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (PM) Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 18 October 2021. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

Pharmaceutical GMP Project

Pharmaceutical production industry and training providers have been consulted about changes to several GMP units of competency and a draft of the revised version will be available for public review shortly.

VET Reform update

Information about the progress of the current VET reform process was discussed by the IRC.

Industry Round-Up

Funding for new mRNA manufacturing facilities may result in a need for a 'surge workforce' with GMP skills.

2022 Industry Skills Report and Industry Summary

A 2022 Industry Skills Report for is being collated in collaboration with the Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical IRC. An Industry Summary will also be produced by September 2022, as requested by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE). Skills Forecasts are no longer a mandatory requirement of IRCs.

Next meeting

The next PM IRC meeting will be held in February or March 2022.