

Continuity of Learning - JobQuest Programs

In the event that your school should be made non-operational in the days/weeks ahead, JobQuest staff have planned for continuity of curriculum in the event that students are unable to attend school. This will also assist in cases where schools are unable to accommodate external parties visiting the school site.

JobQuest staff have been conversing with students re their access to online learning. Many students are indicating that they have access to the necessary technology. We are also aware that some students may not have ready access to the technology or the capacity to cope with online learning. For this small portion of students we will have prepared some “work from home” paper booklets for these students.

A non-operational status will trigger us to add teaching and learning activities in Google Classrooms. Lessons will be:

- Connected to current learning, developing skills for units of competence;
- JobQuest trainers will be available during scheduled class times if students have questions. Students will be able to make contact directly with trainers individually to access additional supports (this includes those students using paper-based materials);
- There will be scheduled Google meets at various points as set out by each trainer (during normal class times). It is expected that students will attend these scheduled meets as the aim is to use this to support students learning;
- Assessments and classwork will be submitted via the Google classroom wherever possible;
- Paper based materials will be posted to the school or student’s home (to be arranged with each school) and coursework / assessments to be submitted to the school for collection (or via post.).

I am sure that you are aware of the measures required for online safety. We will be reiterating with students safeguarding guidelines including:

- Being mindful of what is visible and audible when online;
- Only use school accounts and supported platforms.

Whilst the idea of online / offsite learning may be challenging for some of our participants, we believe that the foundation skills the students will develop through using this model will hold them in good stead, not only for the qualification they are attaining, but also for their future in the world of work.

We need to all be aware that there are going to be disruptions and it is going to be different, JobQuest trainers will be going through the same challenges that staff and students in schools will be, and we understand that we will all need to be supportive of one another through this.

We continue to thank you for your support and for accommodating the necessary changes to routines and term planning. JobQuest staff are always available to communicate with you. **If needed please contact the lead trainer allocated to your school** or the following senior staff:

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