



Preferred **Apprenticeship Program Partner**

## Media Release

### Master Builders Association of Western Australia partners with Skill Hire to support apprentices and the industry

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Master Builders Association of Western Australia, the peak body for the WA building and construction industry have partnered with Australia's leading career development, staffing, recruitment and employment agency Skill Hire to promote apprenticeships and training within the sector.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic the building and construction industry has been operational supporting the state and local economies. Through these challenges it has faced significant skilled labour shortages through the strong demand for housing and infrastructure projects.

Skill Hire have become Master Builders WA's preferred Apprenticeship Program Partner. Skill Hire apprentices will be provided with a specialist membership to Master Builders WA, that will assist apprentices throughout their career. This partnership will help us build a better construction industry, as it will increase growth of apprenticeships in the industry and provide better support and education to apprentices.

John Gelavis, Executive Director of Master Builders WA, said the exciting new partnership will help provide people with the training and education required to enter the building and construction industry.

"The partnership between Skill Hire and Master Builders WA brings together two market leading organisations in the building and construction sector, working side by side to assist in promoting apprenticeships, development of upskilling apprentices, assisting our members in securing apprentices and getting people into a career within the industry.

"We pride ourselves on providing great benefits and support to our members and by working with Skill Hire as our Apprenticeship Program Partner we have a great opportunity to promote building and construction apprenticeships, upskilling apprentices and supporting the next generation through MBA WA membership.

"Like Skill Hire, MBA WA are committed to regional Western Australia and supporting all our members across the state, so this important partnership will help all our members who require training and apprenticeship assistance", Mr Gelavis said.

Skill Hire Chief Executive Officer, Shawn Murphy said the construction industry needs qualified and skilled professionals.

"We are really excited about working alongside the team at MBA WA to support WA's future talent through our construction apprenticeship and trainee programs. Young people can get a foot in the door, gain new skills and get on the path to a satisfying long-term career.



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“There are several industry pathways to choose from and these are not always known by parents or students thinking about future careers. We are committed to investing in skills and training to elevate the opportunities available to upskill or reskill.” Mr Murphy concluded.

### About Skill Hire

Thirty years ago Skill Hire changed from a small training provider, into an organization that supports the education, training and employment needs of thousands of individuals, organisations and the wider communities people live and work in across a national footprint.

Skill Hire is unique, providing an end-to-end suite of career, recruitment, and training services. From supporting people as young as high school age, to finding an apprenticeship or their first job, through to working with organisations to help them grow and thrive through talent sourcing and development, through to the delivery of timely, customised and specialised training options through our Registered Training Organisations.

Together, with our scope to deliver a range of government employment and training initiatives and programs, Skill Hire is uniquely positioned to assist our customers to take their next career and talent development steps. Skill Hire provides a wide set of uniquely integrated services, these include, expanding career opportunities, expanding training and development, expanding career opportunities and expanding pathways to employment. These integrated services are flexible and have a key focus on supporting employment outcomes.

<https://www.skillhire.com.au/>

### About Master Builders

The Master Builders Association of Western Australia (*Master Builders*) is a member-based association that services the building and construction industry, made-up of builders, subcontractors, suppliers and consultants in both the commercial and residential sectors covering the state of Western Australia. The association has been representing and promoting the views and interests of the building and construction industry in WA since 1898. Since that time, the association has grown to become the pre-eminent industry voice, recognised for its advocacy and strong lobbying influence.

Master Builders is part of Australia’s oldest industry association, Master Builders Australia. Whilst each state and territory has its own autonomous body, the national federation represents more than 32,000 member organisations throughout Australia, allowing the free flow of information and state input into national matters and lobbying.

Master Builders provides specialised products and services, which includes building contracts, training, legal services, industrial relations, technical advice, industry economics, insurance and safety advice. For more information about our member services, please [click here](#). Master Builders is active across the regions of WA, with offices in Perth, Albany, Bunbury and Geraldton.

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