



Frequently asked questions about the Ready Program:

- **What can the Partnership Brokers do to support our school?**

Partnership Brokers will listen to your needs and the needs of your students, match them up with needs of business/industry and facilitate sustainable partnerships. This in turn will provide opportunities for students to develop their skills, enhance their learning experience and make their transition into further education or employment smoother.

- **What can the Partnership Brokers offer to my business?**

Partnership Brokers will develop an understanding of your needs and try to match them with those of schools and the community, ensuring your organisation is connected with students in a meaningful way.

- **Does the Partnership Brokers program offer funding for career and transitional projects?**

No. Partnership Brokers are here to facilitate partnerships between businesses and schools or community organisations. Part of brokering these partnerships will be finding the resources to allow them to function, but most expenses will need to be met by the partners.

- **Is it the role of the Partnership Brokers to coordinate Work Experience (WEX) or Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)?**

No. The role of Partnership Brokers is to facilitate partnerships between schools and the appropriate business. Partnerships may involve workplace learning, but all SWL placements will be coordinated through the ACT Department of Education.

- **Who is looking after ASBAs?**

Australian School Based Apprenticeships will be administered by the three ACT Apprenticeship Centres:

1. Caloola Skills Training and Job Placements
2. Mission Australia
3. RGT (Regional Group Training)

- **Do the Partnership Brokers organise presentations in schools?**

No, although presentations may result from more strategic partnerships brokered. The Partnership Brokers have been tasked with developing strategic partnerships that improve the attainment rates of young people and help them transition into further education or employment. The Ready team is therefore happy to help businesses to develop relationships with schools, but the coordination of activities such as presentations should then be undertaken by the school and business working in partnership.