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NEW TRAINING PLACES IN WA

The Australian Hotels Association (WA) has welcomed the WA State Government's budget commitment to fund an additional 7,500 training places for occupations critical to the State's economy.

AHA(WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said the Government's commitment to allocate more than \$22 million dollars over and above the existing training budget over the next financial year is essential assistance for businesses struggling to meet staffing demands.

"The hotel and hospitality sector is facing a significant shortfall in available skilled workers and the Liberal National Government has demonstrated in this budget that it is committed to assisting business," Mr Woods said.

"This additional funding has been allocated for extra training places driven directly from the State Priority Occupation List and will have significant benefit to hospitality and tourism businesses in metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia.

"The hotel and hospitality industry, in particular, requires initiatives such as this that will alleviate the pressure on businesses being able to recruit and retain skilled chefs and other skilled areas of the industry."

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