



National Retail Association

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Opening Of National Retail Institute

The National Retail Association, Australia's largest and most representative retail association, announced the opening of its new training facility, the National Retail Institute, on Friday March 18, 2011.

NRI has served the retail sector as a registered training organisation since 1998 and in Queensland as the industry's skills body for many years. NRI maintains an important advisory service to government in areas such as skilling, training and workforce development.

The successful completion of the National Retail Institute follows the receipt of funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. NRI and the retail sector is indebted to the Australian Government for its support of Australia's retail sector and the training, skilling and workforce development needs of the sector.

The new skill centre will facilitate the delivery of training and workforce development solutions to retailers and related service sector employers including the recruitment and skilling of job seekers and a facilitation of employment opportunities for them, delivery of traineeships, and the delivery of a range of programs dedicated to upskilling the existing worker market.

The new facility will contribute substantially to the delivery of a more streamlined high-quality approach to career support/guidance, recruitment solutions, vocational training services and staff development pathways. The retail sector in Australia will be a major beneficiary of the completed project.

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