



# SKILLS UPDATE

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION GROUP

Dear Students,

As you are aware we have a crisis at hand with the Coronavirus pandemic. As per Prime Minister's Address on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020, we are now at Coronavirus Alert Level 2.

We want to ensure that all our learners and staff are adequately protected against risks from Coronavirus. Even though there are no current restrictions for education providers to conduct classes we want to prepare for any escalation and minimise risks for everybody at Skills Update.

In view of this we are **suspending majority of our operations for a week till 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (one week only)**. If you are a part time student studying a programme at level 3 or above you will have no scheduled classes next week. **Classes** with amended mode of delivery **will start from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. If you are yet to start, your orientation will go ahead as scheduled but in small groups.

Coronavirus spread can be contained if we take the following measures:

- Staying at home if you are unwell
- Avoiding large crowds
- Washing your hands regularly
- Avoiding touching your face
- Reducing physical contact
- Maintaining strong respiratory hygiene

In order to ensure we maintain social distance we might have to:

- Deliver and assess part of the programme online.
- Conduct any practical learning in small groups (5 or lesser)

In the event some of the classes will be delivered online, we will be in touch with details and support available. We want to ensure that you continue to progress with your studies and achieve your qualifications.

The most important thing now is to follow guidelines provided by the government agencies and not panic. It is a pandemic at levels none of us ever experienced and there will be disruptions across the board.

We will prevail if we take care of each other, be kind and take necessary measures to stop the spread of infection. It is vital we do our bit to maintain normality wherever possible and still look at going on with life even in a restricted fashion.

As our students you are part of our family, please reach out if there is anything we can do to assist you now or in future to deal with the crisis. These are testing times and will show what we are really made of but I am confident in our ability to weather this storm. Stay safe and stay strong.

Thank you