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#### **Skills Shortage Leaves Great Aviation Opportunity Going Begging**

Australia's skills shortage is set to claim another victim with a great training and job opportunity in Queensland's growing aviation industry going begging, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

Starting in just one week (February 12), school leavers and mature aged job-seekers will have the chance to take up a subsidised place in the Certificate IV course in Aeroskills – Avionics.

The course has top level industry backing with course fees subsidised by Qantas Defence, training provided by Bremer TAFE – which was just named Australia's Number 1 large training provider - and the whole program supported by the State Government through Aviation Australia.

The 12 month course is subsidised by Qantas Defence Services based at Amberley meaning that participants in the course will take just a year and pay just \$1,500 for a qualification that will allow them to gain work as Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.

On top of that, the TAFE course offers real work experience at Qantas and there's a very good chance that course graduates will subsequently be employed at Qantas.

The only qualification necessary to start the course is that applicants must have finished Year 10.

“This is a rolled gold opportunity to start a lifelong career in an interesting global industry but still places remain unfilled.

There are 20 places but with the course due to start in just two weeks only 7 have been filled.

Ms Nolan said the course had been advertised but that still too few applicants had come forward so that now she was turning to the media in search of students.