

C24 ACT Strategic Plan for Positive Ageing 2010-2014

The Directorate recognises the need to assist seniors who wish to increase their information and communication technology skills to more easily access information, services and social contacts. It also recognises the importance of providing educational and recreational opportunities for older people whether they are in full-time, part-time or casual paid employment, volunteer work or simply seeking to update their skills.

Table C24.1: Progress against the focus areas of the plan

Focus Area	Progress
Information and Communication	<p>Action: Develop and promote information and communication technology (ICT) services and training for seniors</p> <p>The Directorate administers three funding programs for which seniors aged 60 years and over are eligible: Priorities Support Program (PSP), Productivity Places Program (PPP) and Adult Community Education grants program (ACE).</p> <p>In 2010-11 under PSP, 18 ICT specific training programs were available for adults of all ages, including seniors. In addition, 11 training programs that included basic ICT skills were available. Basic ICT skills include operating a personal computer and sending and retrieving information using the internet and email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under PPP, nine ICT specific training programs were available for adults of all ages, including seniors. • Under ACE, three ICT training programs were available for adults of all ages, including seniors. • Under PSP, 14 seniors enrolled in ICT specific courses and four enrolled in courses that included gaining competency in basic ICT skills. • Under PPP, five seniors enrolled in ICT specific courses.
Work and Retirement	<p>Action: Promote educational and recreational opportunities</p> <p>In 2010-11, 65 seniors accessed nationally accredited vocational education and training under PSP.</p> <p>Under ACE in 2011, seniors are eligible to access 21 courses that received grants totalling \$245,000. These ACE courses aim to deliver quality community-based learning opportunities in a range of non-formal settings such as activity centres and community men's sheds. One such course, Dovetail for Diggers and Metal Mangers, is delivered by the ACT Vietnam Veterans and Veterans Federation and provides one-on-one instruction by retired tradesmen.</p>

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