Signs of life have been returning to the region’s construction industry and we expect solid growth to materialise in 2019-20. With building approvals creeping up, and significant mining and infrastructure announcements being made, the market for construction workers will begin to tighten across all sectors.

| Source: NIEIR | 1.3% expected annual population growth | 173,000 population |
| Source: NIEIR | 4% unemployment rate | 5% of QLD construction apprentices are in the Mackay Whitsundays region |

| Source: NCVER, ABS, CSQ | 7,700 employed in construction | 700 construction apprentices |

**Construction Apprentice Intake Rate**
Apprentice commencements per 100 workers

**Construction Apprentice Training Rate**
Apprentices in-training per 100 workers

**Construction Workforce Outlook**
Workers required
Workers available

**Trade Availability**

Source: NIEIR

NB: These figures reflect the overall balance of supply and demand for trades labour across all industries for 2019.
Sectors in Focus for Mackay Whitsundays 2019-20

Activity – Residential

Source: NIEIR

Activity – Commercial

Source: NIEIR

Activity – Engineering

Source: NIEIR

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3% of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

2,300 construction businesses

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