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# Welcome to the September TAC Update

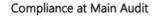
Following its tabling in Parliament, the Training Accreditation Council's 2022-2023 Annual Report is now available to view.

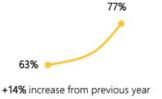
Highlights during this period include:

- increased levels of compliance at main audit;
- strategic reviews into the delivery of first aid units and units of competency that lead to High Risk Work Licences (HRWL);
- monitored RTOs delivering training in the heavy vehicle and security industries and the individual support sector:
- positive outcomes from the biennial RTO and Stakeholder Perception of Performance surveys with over 90% of RTOs and stakeholders rating Council's performance as 'good' or 'excellent'; and
- a significant increase in participation in the Council's education program with 2,027 participants in the last financial year.



The Council acknowledges the substantial efforts of RTOs during this period and their ongoing commitment to their learners and delivery of quality training and assessment in Western Australia.











23 webinars





Annual TAC

#### **RTO and Stakeholder Perceptions**

91% of RTOs and stakeholders rated Council's performance as 'good' or 'excellent'

# What's in this edition?

- TAC Education Program
- Changes to the Fit and Proper Person Requirements
- Focus on Quality Renewal of Registration
- RTO Annual Declaration on Compliance
- Catchup now on TAC's latest podcasts
- New and Revised Fact Sheets
- New look for TAC
- Transition Extensions
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# **TAC Education Program**

## **Upcoming Events**

Register now for one of our upcoming events:



RTO Governance -Driving Quality Through Good Business Practice

18 October 10:00AM - 11:30AM AWST



**Geraldton Event** 

FACE to FACE event 3 November 9:30AM - 2:00pm AWST



#### Chat with TAC: Clustering Units

17 November 10:00AM - 10:30AM AWST

## Webinar Recordings:

View the TAC <u>Education Program</u> to access professional development opportunities, support and guidance materials and access previous webinar <u>recordings and resources</u>.

Catch up now on the following recent webinars:



# Changes to the Fit and Proper Person Requirements

A new Fit and Proper Person Declaration is available and all declarations made after **18 September 2023** must use the new form.

More information is available in the <u>TAC Special Bulletin</u> dated 15 September 2023.



# Focus on Quality - Renewal of Registration

TAC regulated RTOs are initially granted registration for two years. Following this initial registration, RTOs are required to undergo a renewal of registration process every seven years.

In the 2023-2024 financial year, approximately 26% of TAC regulated RTOs will be expected to apply for renewal of registration. RTOs are required to submit their applications for renewal between four and six months before the end of their registration period.

The Initial or Renewal of Registration Application Guide and the clip Completing a Renewal of Registration Application via the RTOPortal have been created to assist with the application process.



As part of the application, RTOs are required to:

- Submit evidence to support their organisation's application including the new <u>Fit and</u> <u>Proper Person Declaration</u>. The <u>Initial/Renewal of Registration Application Self-</u> <u>Assessment Tool</u> can help RTOs confirm their readiness for audit and identify and organise evidence.
- Pay a \$900 application lodgement fee.

When an application is received, TAC will undertake a risk assessment to determine if an audit is required. An invoice for the <u>renewal of registration application assessment fee</u> will be sent to the RTO for payment.

If an audit is required, further information on the process is available on the <u>TAC website</u>.

If the application for renewal of registration is approved by the Council, the RTO's registration will be renewed for up to seven years.

The Council recommends that all TAC regulated RTOs, who will be submitting a renewal of registration application, access the TAC Education Program guidance materials and

workshops, particularly the <u>Renewal of Registration webinar</u> to assist with RTO readiness and meeting the renewal of registration requirements.

Further information on the renewal of registration process is available in the following resources:

- Initial/Renewal of Registration Application Process Flowchart
- Renewal of Registration Webinar
- Preparing for Audit Webinar

# **RTO Annual Declaration on Compliance**

Remember to complete the 2022-2023 RTO Annual Declaration on Compliance by **30 September 2023**. A link to the Declaration was emailed to the Legally Responsible Officer and Registration Officer at the RTO.

Click <u>here</u> for more information about the RTO Annual Declaration on Compliance 2022-2023.

# Catch up now on TAC's latests podcasts



Reminder

Got it

TAC's Podcasts can be accessed via most podcasts apps, <u>YouTube</u> or on the <u>TAC Website</u>.

#### Notifying TAC of Third Party Arrangements

This short four minute podcast provides information on RTO requirements for reporting their Third Party arrangements to TAC.

#### **Equivalence and Awarding Credit**

TAC Auditor Claire Werner, navigates the topic of equivalence, how it applies to the VET environment and awarding credit.

## **New and Revised Fact Sheets**

The new <u>Continuous Improvement Fact Sheet</u> provides guidance to RTOs on developing and maintaining continuous improvement processes consistent with Clauses 2.1 and 2.2 of the Standards for RTOs.

The <u>Awarding Credit Fact Sheet</u> has had a minor update to the flowchart on the last page.



Over the next few months, you may notice a change in TAC's branding in our communications and range of publications.

We have refreshed our brand and hope you like the new look.

# **Transition Extensions**

At the August and September 2023 meetings, the Council agreed to extend the transition period for the following training products:

- 11 qualifications from the Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC) Training Package;
- 7 qualifications from the Community Services (CHC) Training Package;
- 3 qualifications from the Health (HLT) Training Package;
- 3 qualifications from the Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS) Training Package; and
- 1 qualification from the (PSP) Public Sector Training Package.

At the September 2023 meeting, the Council agreed to the extend course accreditation to 31 December 2024 for the following two accredited courses:

- 52823 WA Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills (CAVSS); and
- 52832 WA Course in Underpinning Skills for Industry Qualifications (USIQ).

View the full list of training products with <u>approved extended transition periods</u>.

The Council may consider requests to extend the transition period of a superseded training product when certain conditions apply. Further information is available on the <u>TAC Website</u>.

# **Other Important Updates**





### Western Australian Training Awards

The Council is proud to support the 2023 WA Training Awards and would like to congratulate Holly Gudsell for being this year's winner in the WA Trainer of the Year category!



# **VET Qualifications Register for Secondary Students**

The <u>VET Qualifications Register for Secondary Students</u> for the 2024 school year is now available. The register aims to assist schools and RTOs to select qualifications that are more likely to be completed by secondary students or help them to transition effectively to further training or employment.

RTOs are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the qualifications register to determine their capability and capacity to meet mandatory training package/accredited course assessment requirements, and regulatory and licensing requirements.

## WorldSkills Australia National Championships

TAC would like to congratulate this years top apprentices and trainees who competed in the WorldSkills Australia National Championships. WorldSkills Australia competitions are held every two years and provides young people an opportunity to showcase their talents, benchmark industry excellence and champion skills pathways in VET.

The top Australian performers – the Skillaroos – will now compete against 82 member countries for the title of the world's most skilled country at the 2024 International Competition in France. See the <u>results of the WorldSkills Australia National Championships</u>

## Jobs and Skills Australia

Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) has released the following:

#### **Reports:**

- International Labour Market Update September 2023 (26 September 23)
- Labour Market Update September 2023 (12 September 2023)
- Skills Shortage Quarterly June 2023 (2 August 2023)
- Australian Labour Market for Migrants July 2023 (31 July 2023)

#### **Consultation:**

• Jobs and Skills Atlas (beta) - Closes 12 October 2023

## Latest NCVER Reports



NCVER have released the following new reports:

- Building effective RTO-employer partnerships (20 Sep 23)
- Completion and attrition rates for apprentices and trainees 2022 (4 Sep 23)
- VET qualification completion rates 2022 (30 Aug 23)
- Total VET students and courses 2022 (17 Aug 23)
- <u>Drivers of student training choices</u> (8 Aug 23)
- Apprentices and trainees 2022: December quarter (1 Aug 23)
- VET in Schools 2022 (27 Jul 23)



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