



# TAC Update

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## Welcome to the November TAC Update

The Training Accreditation Council is committed to supporting high-quality training in the VET system and operates within an agreed national VET regulatory framework which includes the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015* (the Standards). These Standards set out the requirements that an organisation must meet in order to be an RTO.

RTOs are required to comply with the Standards through the establishment of effective business systems and processes that direct and guide day to day operations. Once registered, RTOs are required to self-manage their compliance with the Standards. This means their business systems and processes should be reviewed and improved regularly, so that they are effective and consistent with requirements.

As Australia's VET system evolves and matures, regular reviews of the regulations supporting the system are required. As part of the national skills reform agenda, the Commonwealth Government's Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) has released the draft revised Standards for RTOs. The revisions aim to ensure the Standards are clear, lead to quality outcomes for learners, and enable RTOs to deliver flexibly and innovatively.

The Council encourages all providers and stakeholders to participate in the consultation process to ensure the draft revised Standards are fit-for-purpose and effective in meeting the needs of the vocational education and training sector.



You can participate in the consultation process by:

- Reading the [consultation paper and supporting resources](#).
- Providing written feedback using the [online survey tool](#) by **31 January 2023**.
- Participating in one of DEWR's [face-to-face or online forums](#):
  - Virtual session - 7 December; or

- Two face-to-face sessions in Perth on 25 November.
- A dedicated virtual forum for regional, rural and remote RTOs is also available on 7 December.

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## What's in this edition?

- Holiday Closure Period
- TAC Education Program
- Focus on quality - Issuing Testamurs and Statements of Attainment
- Catch up on the latest podcast episodes
- New Fact Sheet - Assessing in the Workplace
- Transition Extensions
- Course Accreditation update
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## Holiday Closure Period

The TAC Secretariat will close for a short period from Monday 26 December 2022, re-opening on Tuesday 3 January 2023.



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## TAC Education Program - upcoming events

### 2022 Education Program

Register now for the last event in 2022

- **30 November** - Industry Engagement

Register

### 2023 Education Program

TAC's Education Program for January - June 2023 is now live. [Register now](#)



## Focus on quality - Issuing Testamurs and Statements of Attainment

In line with the [Australian Qualifications Framework \(AQF\) Qualifications Issuance Policy](#), graduates who have achieved **all requirements for the award of an AQF qualification** are entitled to receive the following certification documentation:

- a testamur; *and*
- a record of results.

Students who complete **part of the requirements of an AQF qualification** in which they are enrolled such as individual units of competency, skill sets, and accredited short courses are entitled to receive a Statement of Attainment.

Sufficient information must be provided on a

testamur and Statement of Attainment to ensure that the documentation can be authenticated, and to reduce fraudulent copying and use. More information on how to protect your certification from fraud is available in [TAC's Users' Guide](#) (Clauses 3.1-3.4).



The [TAC Fact Sheet: Issuing Testamurs and Statements of Attainment](#) has been revised to provide additional guidance in relation to issuing certification for skill sets and accredited 'Course In'.



## Catch up on the latest podcast episodes

TAC Talks - The Council's official podcast is now available on [YouTube](#) as well as Google Podcast, Apple, Spotify, PodBean or on the [TAC website](#).



### DO UNITS OF COMPETENCY HAVE AN AQF LEVEL

This podcast explores the topic of how units fit into the Australian Qualifications Framework.



### UNDERSTANDING FEE PROTECTION

This podcast unpacks Clause 7.3 of the Standards for RTOs in relation to fee protection where learner fees are collected in advance.

### DELIVERY OF THE TRAINING & EDUCATION TRAINING PACKAGE

This podcast examines Clauses 1.22 – 1.25 of the Standards for RTOs that detail specific requirements for RTOs that deliver training products from the TAE Training Package.



### AMOUNT OF TRAINING

This podcast unpacks Clauses 1.1 and 1.2 of the Standards for RTOs in relation to amount of training and the responsibilities of the RTO.

### IDENTIFYING AND MEETING LEARNER NEEDS

This podcast unpacks the requirements in Clauses 1.1, 1.2 and 1.7, Standard 4 and Clauses 5.1 and 5.2b of the Standards for RTOs and provides insights on strategies RTOs can adopt to support and meet individual learner needs.

### WHO IS TAC AND WHAT IS ITS ROLE?

Join both the Chairperson of the Council, Anne Driscoll and A/Director Training Regulation, Lisa Barron for this podcast that discusses the role of the Council and its guiding principles, why WA has a State based VET Regulator and insights into TAC's regulatory functions and current strategy.

### TRAINER & ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS

This podcast answers these commonly asked questions and provides information on:

- specifications within the Standards for RTOs;
- credentials you must hold to be a trainer and assessor in the VET sector and reasons for these; and
- how RTOs and individuals can meet these requirements.



### INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

This podcast examines Clauses 1.5, 1.6 and 1.13b of the Standards for RTOs in relation to industry engagement and what this means for RTOs.

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## New TAC Fact Sheet Available

All of the Council's Fact Sheets are available on the [TAC Website](http://www.tac.wa.gov.au).

# NEW TAC FACT SHEET AVAILABLE



## Assessing in the Workplace



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### Transition Extensions

At the November meeting, the Council agreed to extend the transition period for:

- two qualifications from the Hairdressing and Beauty Services (SHB) Training Package; and
- one qualification from the Electrotechnology (UEE) Training Package.

A full list of training products approved for an extended transition period is available on the [TAC Website](#).

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 [TAC Website](#).



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### Course Accreditation updates

The Council extended the accreditation period for the following course to **31 December 2023**:

- 52837WA Certificate I in Entry to General Education (EGE)

The Council extended the accreditation period for the following course to **31 July 2023**:

- 52830WA Course in Electrical Trade Licensing





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## Other important updates

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### Establishment of Jobs and Skills Australia

The Commonwealth Government has established Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), a statutory body to provide independent advice on current, emerging, and future workforce, skills, and training needs.

JSA will carry forward the work commenced by the National Skills Commission. It will have a broader remit, focusing on workforce planning and fostering working partnerships with state and territory governments, unions, industry, and education providers.

JSA will continue to provide advice to government and publish data and other information, including on Australia's current and emerging labour market, future skills and training needs and priorities, and the adequacy of the vocational education and training system.

You can stay up to date with Jobs and Skills Australia at the interim landing page at: [jobsandskills.gov.au](https://jobsandskills.gov.au).



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### VET FEE-HELP Student Redress scheme extended for 12 months

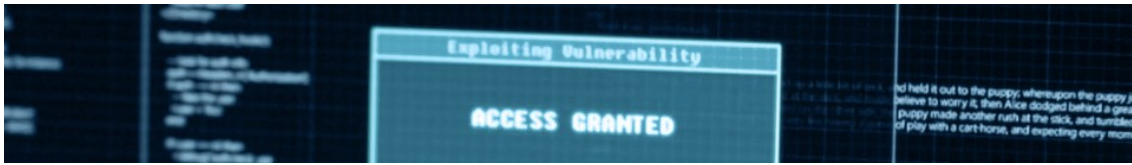
The Commonwealth Government will extend the VET FEE-HELP Student Redress scheme for 12 months, and intends to waive all indexation applied to historical vocational education student loans affected by the IT issue recently discovered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. More information is available in the [full media release](#).

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### Increase Cyber Threat to VET Sector

The Australian Cyber Security Centre has released their Annual Cyber Threat Report 2021-2022. It found a significant threat to the education and training sector, due to the preference for collaborative environments. Remote learning

during the coronavirus pandemic also introduced large numbers of personal devices and new software into this sector. The [report](#) also provides guidance on how to protect yourself online.



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## Meeting of State and Territory Skills Ministers

Federal and State and Territory Skills and Training Ministers met on 18 November 2022 to progress a range of key vocational education and training reform and workforce matters. These key steps included:

- “urgent action” to address widespread skills shortages including finalising a 12-month Skills Agreement to deliver 180,000 fee-free TAFE and VET places from January 2023;
- agreed on updates to the TAE Training and Education Training Package and CHC Community Services Training Package, which strengthens the VET workforce and addresses findings from the Royal Commission into Aged Care;
- in preparation for the Industry Clusters commencing from January 2023, agreed to update the Training Package Organising Framework as a first step to a new model of qualifications; and
- committed to work in partnership to improve the apprenticeship support system and completion rates.

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## Australian Apprenticeship Services and Supports Discussion Paper

The [Apprenticeship Services and Supports Discussion Paper](#) explores the existing services and supports for apprentices and seeks views on opportunities to address three key questions facing the Apprenticeship System.



Submissions to the discussion paper are due by December 16, 2022.

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## 2022 Australian Training Award Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Australian Training Awards. [Click here](#) to view the Finalists and Winners.

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## Latest NCVER Reports

NCVER have released the following new reports:



- [Government funding of VET 2021](#)
- [Treading water: effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth transitions](#)

NCVER have also released the latest version of the [Standard Enrolment Questions Example Form](#) designed to assist RTOs collect and submit data compliant with AVETMISS for the National VET Provider Collection as required by the [Data Provision Requirements 2020](#) and [National VET Data Policy](#).



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The Training Accreditation Council acknowledges Aboriginal peoples as the first sovereign Nations of Western Australia. We acknowledge their ancestral ties to the land and spiritual connection to Country. We acknowledge Elders both past and present, and value the contribution of Aboriginal people within our organisation. We support the Uluru Statement from the Heart and embrace its invitation to walk alongside Aboriginal people, united in a movement for a better future for all Australians.