



Implementation and Transition Timeline

Industry Clusters are being established to lead and drive the performance of the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) system to meet the evolving skills and training needs of industry and employers. The new arrangements will strengthen outcomes for both learners and employers and support Australia's economic recovery.

Transitioning to Industry Clusters

Industry Clusters are expected to be fully operational by 1 January 2023. A phased wind-down of the current training product development will ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption to students, training providers and employers.

The Industry Reference Committees and Skills Service Organisations will remain in place until the end of December 2022 while the new arrangements are being established.

A phased transition and implementation will ensure

- continuity and stability of the VET system,
- sufficient time for existing training product reviews to be completed,
- qualifications remain up to date,
- a timely and high-quality handover of training products and related artefacts to the industry clusters, and
- flexibility for industry clusters to take on training product work as required.

Establishing Industry Clusters

Industry Clusters will be established through a two-stage approach to market.



Stage one

- Open competitive grant process inviting proposals to establish and subsequently operate an Industry Cluster. Applicants will have the opportunity to propose alternate industry groupings for their Industry Cluster at this stage of the process.
- Stage one will result in the establishment of Industry Clusters which will need to further demonstrate suitability through stage 2.



Stage two

- A closed non-competitive grant process to enable successful applicants from stage one, once established as Industry Clusters, to submit an application detailing how it proposes to carry out the Industry Cluster functions.

Further updates about when the grant round will open will be made available via the [Skills Reform website](#), where you can register your interest to stay up to date.

Indicative Implementation and Transition Timeline

Establishment of Industry Clusters



Existing arrangements wind down

