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Industry Engagement Reform: Transition of the Training Product Development Program

A smooth and orderly transition that minimises disruption to students, training providers and employers is central to industry engagement reform. This fact sheet provides an overview of the transition and wind-down arrangements for current training product development while Industry Clusters are stood up during 2022, noting there will be no new training product projects commissioned during 2022, with limited exceptions.

Extension of current arrangements

Industry Reference Committees (IRCs), Skills Service Organisations (SSOs) and the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) will retain responsibility for training packages and training product development (TPD) until the end of 2022. This means that until 31 December 2022:

- the AISC will continue to review proposed changes to national training products
- IRCs will continue to be responsible for training packages
- SSOs will continue to be funded to provide support to IRCs.

Full responsibility for training product development is not expected to move until January 2023.

A phased transition

Industry Clusters will be established during 2022 but will not be responsible for training product development until January 2023. This provides time for the Industry Clusters to focus on their internal organisational set up.

This means IRCs will continue to be responsible for training packages throughout that time and with limited exceptions, will be required to focus on completing existing training product projects, rather than commencing new projects.

IRCs and SSOs will be required to commence a handover of all training packages to Industry Clusters in late 2022. Any training product projects that cannot be completed by the end of next year must also be handed over to Industry Clusters.

Where Industry Clusters can demonstrate they are able to take on training product development work during 2022, the relevant IRC and SSO may be required to commence an early handover of the training package, with three months notice.

Wind-down of TPD work

The priority for 2022 is to complete existing TPD projects. No new training product projects will be commissioned during 2022, with limited exceptions.

Any new training product projects commissioned before the end of 2021 must be completed by September next year.

In limited circumstances, IRCs will be able to commence new training product projects. For example, where a training product is needed to respond to an urgent requirement or unforeseen event, and involves the revision or creation of new training products that must be rapidly implemented during 2022-23.

Any new requests for training product projects should be brought forward to the AISC by 1 December 2021 and be completed by September 2022.

The latest updates on industry engagement reform and the establishment of the Industry Clusters is available at skillsreform.gov.au