



Australian Government

Skills Reform

Independent Training Product Assurance

Industry Engagement Reforms

Vocational education and training (VET) is central to Australia's economic growth and business productivity and a key part of Australia's economic recovery from COVID-19. To support Australia's immediate economic recovery and strengthen the foundations of the VET system, all Australian governments have committed to work together to improve the quality and relevance of the VET system.

As part of the [Industry Engagement Reforms](#), the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) will take on training product assurance initially from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024, driving continuous improvement in training product development and ensuring high quality training products are being delivered to users of the VET system. ASQA will assess the compliance of training products against standards and policies set by Skills Ministers and provide guidance and support to the newly established Industry Clusters.

As the VET sector's national independent statutory authority, ASQA will improve transparency, accountability, and confidence in training products for employers, learners and training providers. ASQA will replace the Australian Industry and Skills Committee, which will remain in place until 31 December 2022 to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements. ASQA will initially take on these functions until 31 December 2024, pending a post implementation review of the industry engagement reforms.

Driving the continuous improvement of training products is one of many measures Australian governments are taking to create a high-quality VET system. The [National Skills Commission](#) and the [National Careers Institute](#) have been established, along with other reforms, such as [Quality Reform](#) and [Qualifications Reform](#) as set out in the [Heads of Agreement for Skills Reform](#). Further information on training packages, including the training product policies and standards, can be found [here](#).

Assessing Compliance



Whether training products, assessment requirements and companion volume guides are of appropriate quality.



Whether the correct AQF level has been assigned to a qualification.



Whether consultation with stakeholders has been sufficient and all feedback has been genuinely considered.

ASQA will undertake an assessment of each training product submitted by Industry Clusters. This assessment will cover the requirements of national standards and policies, including the Australian Qualifications Framework and that sufficient stakeholder engagement has taken place.

If ASQA is satisfied the product complies with the standards, the product will be submitted to Skills Ministers for final endorsement. If ASQA is not satisfied the standards have been met, it will give guidance to the relevant Industry Cluster where the proposed product is not meeting the required standards or policies.

Capacity Building

ASQA will work to build the capacity of Industry Clusters, by providing guidance and support on any emerging or common issues, risks and difficulties within training product development. This educative function will drive the continuous improvement of the training product development process, especially during the formative stages of the new arrangements.