



Advisory Group for VET Reforms

Terms of Reference

Introduction

Australia's economic recovery, future productivity and international competitiveness are dependent on the ability of Australians to upskill and reskill for emerging and priority jobs.

Vocational education and training (VET) is critical to providing Australians with the skills necessary to meet workforce priorities and needs—now and into the future.

The Commonwealth, with all State and Territory Governments, are together progressing a program of significant structural reform of the VET system to improve efficiency, transparency and confidence in the sector and ensure Australians have access to high quality and relevant training.

The Advisory Group for VET Reforms has been established in the context of the skills reform agenda, and broader reforms to the tertiary system, to provide advice to Senior Officials on matters relating to Industry Engagement, Qualifications Reform and Quality Reforms.

Scope of Work

Specifically, the Advisory Group for VET Reforms will provide advice on the following interrelated streams of work:

Qualifications Reform

- Advice on developing possible new model(s) for VET qualifications, micro-credentials and job standards.
- Facilitating consultation with members and networks.
- Implementation and transition, including impacts on training delivery or other technical issues.

Quality Reform

- Revisions to the Standards for Registered Training Organisations, including implementation and transition.
- Building the capability and capacity of the sector to deliver high-quality training.

Industry Engagement

- Updating the standards and policies that quality assure training products (referred to as the Training Package Organising Framework) to reflect the new industry engagement arrangements.
- Monitoring arrangements to allow governments to have effective oversight of Industry Cluster performance.

Out-of-Scope

Administrative arrangements that relate to the establishment and management of Industry Clusters, including funding and grant/contractual arrangements.

Membership

Membership is by invitation only and will include representatives from:

- the Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment (Chair)
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Australian Industry Group
- Business Council of Australia
- Council of Small Business Organisations Australia
- Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia
- TAFE Directors Australia
- an independent expert
- three State and Territory Senior Officials.

Governance and Timeframes

- The VET Reforms Advisory Group will meet as required during 2022.
- Meetings will be primarily via MS Teams.
- Proxys will not be allowed.
- The Advisory Group for VET Reforms will be supported by a secretariat function within the Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

Probity Compliance and Confidentiality

The Advisory Group for VET Reforms information, including discussions, communications and meeting material, is bound by probity requirements and confidentiality, as required.

Members of the Advisory Group for VET Reforms are to attend a probity briefing and execute and return to the Department a:

- Conflict of Interest Declaration; and
- Confidentiality Deed.