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New Executive Officer for the Council



The Council is pleased to introduce Bill Swetman, who has taken over as Executive Officer for the Council from Sonia Bunic, who is taking a twelve month break for rest and recuperation.

Bill has extensive experience in the VET and education sectors. He spent over ten years working as a high school teacher, followed by 13 years in the TAFE sector. Whilst in the VET domain, Bill held a number of senior management roles at Pilbara TAFE and has more recently undertaken the role of Director, Business

Management at the WA Department of Sport and Recreation.

Bill took up the position as Executive Officer on 3 September 2007 and is looking forward to working closely with the Council and its clients and stakeholders.

New Council Member



Mr Mark Simpson was appointed as a member to the Training Accreditation Council by the Minister for Education and Training on 1 July 2007. Mr Simpson has over 25 years experience in the vocational education and training sector in senior managerial and operational levels, gaining significant skills in the areas of curriculum, training provider registration and skills recognition.

In addition, he has played a significant role in training within a large resource based organisation and was responsible for training for over 4,500 employees, including apprentices and trainees, and has been involved in training and employment for Indigenous people.

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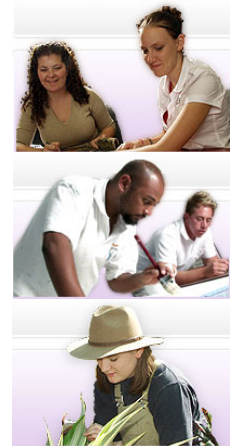
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Changes to the Council's Panel of AQTF Auditors

There have been some changes to the Council's AQTF auditor panel. Mairead Dempsey has resigned from the panel to take up a position in the private sector. A new auditor, Clive Seager, has been appointed to the panel. Clive has extensive experience in the VET sector and is looking forward to becoming an effective member of the panel.

Want to become an AQTF Auditor?

The Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified VET professionals to join the Council's panel of auditors. If you are interested, please call Kieran Tynan at the Council's secretariat on 9441-1917. Kieran will be able to provide you with details on the Council's requirements and process.



Publications

A series of publications has been developed to assist RTOs and auditors in the implementation of AQTF 2007. These can be found at: www.training.com.au

Risk Management

One of the publications available at www.training.com.au relates to risk management. To streamline regulation and reduce the regulatory burden, the risk of the operations of registered training organisations is now being assessed as a process of registration and audit. RTOs with a low risk rating and high-quality outcomes against the standards can expect less regulatory monitoring by registering bodies.

Child Protection

If you are delivering training and assessment services to people under the age of 18 (ie the legal definition of a 'child'), you need to be aware of the requirements of the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004*, under which individuals may be required to undertake a criminal record check and the legal obligation under the Act for employers to be satisfied that their employees have the necessary check. Information about the working with children check is available from www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au.

Organisations also have responsibility for the protection of children and should include in any relevant documentation for their staff information about how instances of observed or perceived child abuse (physical, emotional and sexual) may be referred to the Department of Child Protection for possible investigation. Information on responsibilities for child protection is available from the Department of Child Protection at www.community.wa.gov.au/dcp.

It should also be noted that the Government is considering introducing the Children and Community Services Amendment (Reporting Sexual Abuse of Children) Bill to the Parliament in the near future. If passed, the Act will mandate teachers, doctors, nurses and police to report instances of child sexual abuse. The scope of definition of "teacher" is presently under consideration and could extend to include persons teaching at education and training institutions and providers.

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On-Line Applications...now Live!

RTOs can now submit their applications for renewal of registration, amendments to scope and update their contact details on-line through RTO Net.

For access to RTO Net for new users, please log on to the Training Accreditation Council website at www.tac.wa.gov.au and download the application form.