

FAQ New Regulatory Arrangements for WA VET

WHO WILL BE MY REGULATOR?

TAC will remain your regulator if:

- You *only* provide or offer services to students in WA or WA and VIC (including online delivery); and
- You are not on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

The Australian Skills Quality Agency (ASQA) will be your regulator from 1 July 2011 if:

- You provide services to students in ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS (including online delivery); and/or
- You are on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Will my RTO be transferred to ASQA if I deliver to students overseas (and WA or WA and VIC) only?

No. Overseas is not considered multi-jurisdictional for the purpose of registration with ASQA.

What does “offering services” mean?

You are “offering services” if you are actively seeking to provide training and assessment services in other States and Territories (except Victoria). This could include advertising (including website), applying for funding contracts, tenders, partnership and auspicing arrangements*.

I only deliver interstate occasionally - do I still have to transfer?

Yes. If you conduct any delivery, including online, to any State or Territory other than in WA and VIC you will be transferred to ASQA.

I currently only deliver in WA but I intend to deliver in other States and Territories in the future?

Closer to the time you intend to deliver training and/or assessment in other States and Territories (other than VIC) you will need to notify TAC and your RTO will be transferred to ASQA. You are unable to deliver in other States and Territories (including online delivery) without approval.

Can I transfer to ASQA if I only deliver in WA and have no intentions of delivering interstate?

No, this is not an option.

How will I know if my RTO will be transferred?

You will be formally notified by TAC if you are to be transferred to ASQA.

* this list is not intended to be definitive



TRANSFER**What does the transfer to ASQA involve?**

Providers that are affected by the new arrangements will not be required to apply for registration directly with ASQA. In Western Australia, the transition of existing provider RTO registration to ASQA, including the transfer of records, will be managed by TAC.

How long does the transfer take?

TAC has 90 days from 1 July 2011 to complete the transfer of your RTO to ASQA. Once the transfer has been completed you will be formally notified and the NTIS website will be updated.

How much does it cost to transfer to ASQA?

There is no cost to the RTO to transfer to ASQA.

Does the transfer to ASQA involve an audit?

No, the registration will be automatically transferred. Future arrangements for audit will be at the discretion of ASQA.

Will ASQA honour the time left on my current registration or will I be registered for another 5 years?

The transfer to ASQA does not extend your current registration and your current expiry date will not change at the point of transfer. Any amendments to your expiry date will be at the discretion of ASQA.

Will my NTIS number remain the same?

Advice from ASQA is that the NTIS numbers will not be changing for transferring RTOs.

Once I am transferred to ASQA, who do I contact regarding questions, or submit my application to?

Once you are registered with ASQA, all queries and applications will be directed to them. Further information regarding contacts and process can be viewed on the ASQA website www.asqa.gov.au

How will ASQA know my history?

TAC will ensure that all required records will be transferred to ASQA

TAC & ASQA – RESPONSIBILITIES**If my RTO is transferred to ASQA and I stop delivering interstate can I return to TAC?**

Should the delivery and assessment arrangements change to WA or WA and VIC only, TAC will not be able to consider your registration until after your current registration period has finished.

I am currently being audited or have a pending application. What will happen if I am to be transferred?

From 1 July 2011 the TAC will no longer be able to make decisions in relation to providers that will transfer to ASQA. From this date decisions can only be made by ASQA. Therefore TAC will cease to process any new applications from RTOs that will transfer to ASQA, from **30 May 2011**. Prior to the



processing of any new applications, a determination will be made on your future regulator and you may be contacted directly by your case manager and asked to provide information.

If I am to be transferred can I still submit an application to TAC?

TAC will not be processing any applications that are submitted after 30 May 2011. All outstanding applications and those received from 30 May 2011 will be forwarded to ASQA with the RTO records.

All new application will have to be lodged with ASQA after 30 June 2011.

My RTO registration expires in June-September. What will happen?

Arrangements will be made to ensure continuity of registration throughout the transition period.

ACCREDITED COURSES

What happens to Accredited Courses?

There will be no direct impact on accredited courses. TAC will continue to accredit courses.

