



## TAC to sponsor the WA Training Awards

The Council is supporting the 2011 WA Training Awards, by sponsoring the **WA Trainer of the Year** category.

The Awards recognise and reward individuals and organisations that have excelled in vocational education and training – from apprentices, trainees and vocational students, to training professionals, training providers and employers committed to the training and development of their staff.

There are a number of award categories and people and organisations from across Western Australia and from all areas of training are encouraged to nominate for the Awards.

The Council is proud to support the WA Trainer of the Year category and encourages all RTOs to promote the awareness of the Awards within their organisations and

colleagues within the vocational education and training sector.

For more information or to register your interest, go online to [www.dtwd.wa.gov.au/trainingawards](http://www.dtwd.wa.gov.au/trainingawards) or contact 1300 480 628. Nominations close at 5pm on Friday May 13, 2011 and the Awards will be announced at a presentation ceremony in Perth in September.

## AQTF—Quality Indicator Reporting



Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) should begin making arrangements to lodge their Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) Quality Indicators for Competency Completion, Learner Engagement and Employer Satisfaction for the 2010 calendar year which are due by **30 June 2011**.

Further information regarding the Quality Indicator Reporting, as well as the Client Qualifications Register and AVETMISS can be viewed on the flyer RTO Reporting requirements. This flyer is available on the TAC website under the [Publications Directory](#).

## New Contract to Establish a Panel of RTO Auditors and Accreditation Reviewers

The Department of Education Services on behalf of the Training Accreditation Council (TAC) will establish a panel of Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Auditors and Accreditation Reviewers for the provision of recognition services to replace the existing panel arrangement.

The Request document (ETT17782010) was advertised on the Tenders WA Website [www.tenders.wa.gov.au](http://www.tenders.wa.gov.au) on Tuesday 19 April 2011. All documents related to the request can be accessed via the Tenders WA Website. Please note the closing date is **Tuesday 17 May 2011** at 11.00am.

## Strengthening assessment practices in VET through improved validation and moderation practices

In 2010 the AQTF was revised to require RTOs to systematically validate assessment (including RPL). However, the National Quality Council (NQC) recognises that the processes of validation and moderation are not well understood in the VET sector.

A **free** workshop on **8 June** will be conducted in Perth to communicate and disseminate the key elements contained in the NQC reports on validation and moderation.

For further information and registration please visit [www.westone.wa.gov.au/pd](http://www.westone.wa.gov.au/pd)

## New faces in the TAC Secretariat

Ms Stephanie Trestrail, Assistant Director, Education & Training Regulation is the Executive Officer for the Training Accreditation Council. Stephanie has been with the Department of Education Services and the Training Accreditation Council for many years and has significant experience with the requirements of this role.

Ms Janet Matheson has joined the TAC Secretariat as the Acting Manager, VET Regulation. Janet has previously worked with other Registering and Course Accrediting Bodies, International Education regulation and training organisations.



# TAC Update

## National VET Regulator

Legislation was passed on 24 March 2011 which created the new national Vocational Education and Training (VET) Regulator.

The new national VET regulator will be known as the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and begin operations on **1 July 2011**.

Western Australian is still in negotiations with the Commonwealth to finalise the arrangements for VET regulation in WA. Once details are available all stakeholders will be advised.

## Australian Qualifications Framework



The strengthened Australian Qualifications Framework 2011 has been approved by MCTEE for implementation to commence on 1 July 2011. The final version is available from [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

The AQF Implementation Handbook 2007, Version 4, remains current until the implementation of AQF 2011.

## Payment of Invoices

Just a reminder to RTOs to reference the invoice number (where applicable) or the RTO's name clearly with EFT and/or cheque payments to ensure the funds can be accounted to the correct organisation.

## Licensing and Regulatory Requirements

A number of qualifications lead to the issue of occupational licenses once the licensing and regulatory requirements are met.

Licensing and regulatory requirements vary significantly between industry areas, and may include the pre-approval of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) by industry regulators, accreditation of trainers and assessors or the use of specific equipment, facilities and resources before the qualifications issued by an RTO can be accepted by the industry regulator for licensing purposes.

If you are considering delivering a qualification that leads to a license it is important that you speak to the licensing and regulatory authority for the industry sector you are planning to offer the qualification in before you commence training.

## Re-issuance of Certificates

RTOs are reminded that when a qualification or Statement of Attainment is reissued that it must be for the qualification, unit or course the student was originally enrolled in.

## Scope of registration

RTO's are responsible for keeping track of their scope of registration. This includes:

**Checking:** that your scope of registration reflects your current delivery. It is illegal to issue Statements of Attainment of certificates for qualifications that are not on your scope of registration.

**Updating:** your scope of registration following changes to training packages. This needs to be done via an amendment to registration. If the training package does not stipulate the qualification/unit is equivalent, then evidence will need to be included with the application. If the training package stipulates that it is equivalent, no evidence is required.

**Removing:** old or unwanted qualifications/units. You may be audited on any qualification/units that currently are on your scope of registration.

Obtaining accurate information about licensing requirements for the qualifications you are planning to offer will save you time, money and problems in the future.

If you are currently delivering in areas that are regulated or that lead to the issuance of an occupational license then you need to be aware that in addition to the AQTF Standards, you will need to meet all requirements/conditions specified by the regulatory authority.

Some industry regulators and licensing bodies have the authority under their legislation to conduct audits of RTO's to ensure compliance with their requirements.

Under AQTF Industry Body Engagement arrangements, TAC works with industry regulators to ensure that the licensing and regulation requirements of qualifications are met.