

Transition from TAC to ASQA Information Sheet

New Regulatory Arrangements for VET Registration

The Establishment of the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is based on the referral of state powers to the Commonwealth Government. However, Western Australian and Victoria have not agreed to refer their powers to the Commonwealth.

ASQA will regulate all RTOs in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Northern Territory. Western Australia and Victoria will continue to regulate WA and Vic RTOs except for RTOs delivering interstate or to overseas students.

What this mean for Western Australian RTOs

- ⇒ RTOs offering or delivering training and assessment services in Western Australia only **or** in Western Australia and Victoria will continue to be regulated by the Training Accreditation Council (TAC).
- ⇒ RTOs offering or delivering training and assessment services in Western Australian and New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory , Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Northern Territory will be regulated from 1 July 2011 by ASQA. This includes RTOs who deliver on line to residents in these States and Territories.
- ⇒ RTOs delivering or intending to deliver to students on student visas will be regulated from 1 July 2011 by ASQA. This refers to all RTOs listed on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Providers affected by the new arrangements will not be required to apply for registration directly with ASQA.

RTOs transferring to ASQA

In Western Australia, the transition of existing provider RTO registration to ASQA, including the transfer of records, will be managed by the TAC.

Fees and Charges

ASQA will honour all fees paid for registration by RTOs for the period of existing registration. There will therefore be no costs associated with transfers of registration to ASQA, new fees will only be payable to ASQA on amendment to your registration or at the point where your registration is renewed.



Transition Dates

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.

In order to manage the transition TAC will cease to process any new applications from RTOs that will transfer to ASQA, from **30 May 2011**.

Every attempt will be made to complete all applications for providers transferring to ASQA that were received prior to the 30 May 2011. Applications that cannot be completed will be transferred to ASQA partially completed.

If you would like further information about ASQA or have any questions for them please visit their website www.asqa.gov.au or email enquiries@asqa.gov.au

Accreditation

The TAC will continue to undertake the accreditation process for nationally recognised courses for Western Australian proponents.