



Training Accreditation Council  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# TAC Update

Issue 15—June 2010

## AQTF 2010

On 3 December 2009 the National Quality Council (NQC) endorsed key changes to the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) Essential Standards for Registration which the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) subsequently endorsed on 7 December 2009.

The changes strengthen the AQTF and ensure regulators have the tools they need to protect the interests of all students undertaking Vocational Education and Training in Australia.

It is expected that the new standards and guidelines will be available from mid June for implementation on 1 July 2010. The Training Accreditation Council will take a sensible approach to the transition to the new standards and will provide information of the transition strategy once the standards are finalised.

## TAE Training Package and adding to scope

TAE Training Package was endorsed by NQC at its meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and is now available on NTIS.

RTOs wishing to add the TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment to their scope will need to apply to TAC by submitting the following:

- RTO2 form or creating an online application;
- Strategy for training and assessment for TAE40110;
- Assessment tools for the *TAEDEL402A Plan, organise and facilitate learning in the workplace* and *TAEASS401A Plan assessment activities and processes*;
- List of staff who will deliver and assess, including evidence of their vocational competence; and
- Detail any organisation/individual that the RTO has a partnership or subcontracting arrangement with to delivery and/or assess part or all of this qualification.

RTOs wishing to add individual units from the TAE40110 are required to provide the evidence as listed above for all units applied for.

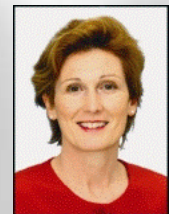
All applications for TAE qualification(s) and units will be risk assessed in line with the National Risk Management Guidelines and may require an audit.

The TAE10 Training and Education Training Package is available for purchase from the IBSA website [www.ibsa.org.au](http://www.ibsa.org.au).

IBSA have advised that resources to support the Training Package will be available from August/September 2010. The support resources will include Learner Guides, Assessment Materials and RTO/Facilitator Guides.

### Competencies for trainers and assessors

The NQC policy for training and assessment competencies to be held by trainers and assessors under the AQTF Essential Standards for Registration (Standard 1.4) is based on the TAA40104 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, which will be superseded by the revised Certificate IV in the TAE10 Training and Education Training Package. The Council will be reviewing its policy determination on the training and assessment competencies to be held by trainers and assessors under the AQTF at its next meeting on 17 June 2010.



### New Council member

Miss Janelle Dawson has been appointed as a member of the Training Accreditation Council by the Minister of Training. Miss Dawson has a strong industry focus with over 25 years experience in the education and training sector. She has practical experience in the ownership and management of an RTO with a detailed knowledge and understanding of the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF).



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## RTO reporting requirements

Registered Training Organisations are reminded of the following reporting requirements:

### 1) **Quality Indicator Data Reporting**

The reporting of the data for all three 2009 Quality Indicators is due by **30 June 2010**.

### Competency Completion

The Competency Completion Online System (CCOS) is now available for reporting the 2009 Competency Completion data.

If you have reported 2009 data through the WA AVETMISS collection, you still need to go into the CCOS and check the data before submitting it to TAC (by clicking on the “Submit to registering body” button). You will also need to include any fee-for-service data.

### Learner Engagement and Employer Satisfaction

A ‘How to’ Guide for the Learner Engagement and Employer Satisfaction Quality Indicators is available on the TAC website, under the Publications Directory. This guide provides information on how to generate the report and the method of submitting it to TAC.

Further information on these quality indicators, the survey questions and the reporting software are available from [www.acer.edu.au/aqtf/](http://www.acer.edu.au/aqtf/).

### **Client Qualifications Register**

The upload of student achievement data from 1 January - 30 June 2010 is due by **31 July 2010**. The CQR is accessible through RTO-Net.

Further information about the CQR and resources such as the CQR Users Guide and Data File format are available through the Client Qualifications Register link in the Toolbox from the TAC Website ([www.tac.wa.gov.au](http://www.tac.wa.gov.au)).

\*\* Please note that these are three different reporting requirements, all collecting different data \*\*

## **National Regulator**

In December 2009, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to establish a national regulator for the VET sector. The new regulator will be a Commonwealth statutory authority. All jurisdictions except Western Australia and Victoria have agreed to refer powers to the Commonwealth.

A new standards council will be established which will provide advice to the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE) on national standards for regulation including registration, quality assurance, and accreditation of VET qualifications.

The national VET regulator will be responsible for the registration and audit of registered training providers. On a national basis, all providers wishing to operate in more than one jurisdiction or enrol international students will be registered through the national regulator.

Western Australia will continue to regulate providers operating in our state and will enact legislation that mirrors the new Commonwealth legislation.

We will keep you informed of the developments as information comes to hand.

## **Increase in fees**

Fees for RTOs are directly linked to Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases which ensures a more consistent and equitable approach to the review of fees. As there has not been an increase in fees for the registration process since 2008, this increase represents the required CPI adjustment and will be effective **from 1 July 2010**.

### New fees

Application fee:	\$495
Registration fee:	\$1730 for up to 2 industry areas, \$525 for each additional industry area
Annual fee:	\$495



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