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TAFE sector welcomes government steps to prevent the abuse of VET student assistance

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA), which represents the public TAFE network, today welcomed the introduction of measures to prevent the misuse of use of VET FEE-HELP by some training providers.

Acting TDA Chief Executive Officer Malcolm White said the measures, announced by the Assistant Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham, would help to stop the abuse of the training system by a small group of unscrupulous colleges.

“These steps are important to halt the abuse of the system and to prevent vulnerable students from being exploited by a small group of dodgy providers and their brokers.

“There is no room in the vocational education and training system for providers that are out to mislead students and rip off the taxpayer.

“The Minister is to be congratulated for coming down hard on those who have engaged in these practices and tarnished the reputation of the VET system,” Mr White said.

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