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VET Sector Outbound Mobility Portal and Toolkit Goes Live


The aim of the portal and toolkit is to increase the mobility of Australian vocational education and training students and staff by providing ideas, information and resources to practitioners in a comprehensive and user-friendly manner.

Usability and accessibility were key objectives of the project. Making the toolkit available online in a simple to use format allows practitioners to quickly and easily click through to the most relevant information and tools.

The portal and tools are designed for Registered Training Organisations at all stages of outbound mobility program development: from newcomers to those with years of experience in the area. With over 90 individual tools the portal is an invaluable source of inspiration and guidance for developing, managing and sustaining mobility in the VET sector.

The portal and toolkit is the culmination of a year-long project that was managed on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations by AIM Overseas. DEEWR also acknowledges the invaluable guidance and contribution made by the members of the industry Steering Committee as well as the input from attendees at the National VET Outbound Mobility Forum in May 2010.

In addition to delivering the toolkit and the Forum in May the project also involved:

- **five workshops** – focussing on internationalising the VET student experience through mobility programs. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the toolkit, to look at ways of developing international opportunities for their students and to hear about funding opportunities for both international projects and staff development;

- **five roundtables** – highlighting the benefits of outbound mobility to senior managers and providing a forum to discuss mobility at a strategic level; and

- **development of a discussion paper** – outlining future possible directions for VET outbound mobility in Australia.

For further information on the portal and toolkit or the project more broadly, please contact the International Mobility and Scholarship Section in DEEWR at outboundmobility@deewr.gov.au.

Information regarding DEEWR’s financial support for VET outbound mobility is available at http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/OutboundMobilityVET/Pages/ProgramInformation.aspx and information regarding the Endeavour Executive Awards that can be used to support international professional development for VET teachers and administrators is available at http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/Pages/Overview.aspx.