

Monday, 7 June 2010

Dear Colleague

Re: National Quality Council Project on Offshore VET Quality

I write to seek your participation in a consultation process that is about to commence looking at offshore delivery of VET qualifications against the AQTF.

The National Quality Council (NQC) through TVET Australia has engaged Ms Moira Schultze, Dr Sue Foster and Ms Bernadette Delaney to report to the Council on two broad issues:

- How to internationalise Australian VET qualifications for offshore delivery. The project will develop a set of policy options that will
 - Preserve the integrity and validity of Training Packages qualifications, and
 - Ensure that they are sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of international students studying offshore and the RTOs that teach them.
- Development of a Good Practice Guide for Offshore VET delivery

The consultation activities described below will be a key to achieving the projects' outcomes and I strongly encourage you to support the projects' objectives by participating in the consultation processes.

Project 1 Internationalising Australian VET qualifications

- Consultation forums with national, state and territory accrediting bodies; industry skills councils; peak bodies (TDA and ACPET); a sample of licensing bodies; a sample of public and private providers; and industry peak bodies (the Business Council of Australia, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australian Industry Group and the Australian Council of Trade Unions) . The forums will be conducted in Sydney and Melbourne in the week beginning 28 June 2010 (details to be advised)
- Telephone interviews with DEEWR, state and territory accrediting bodies, industry skills councils and relevant licensing bodies that did not attend the consultation forum.

Project 2 Developing a Good Practice Guide for Offshore VET delivery

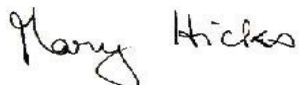
- consultation forums with public and private providers in Sydney and Melbourne in the week beginning 28 June 2010 (details to be advised)
- face-to-face interviews with a sample of providers in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia to explore their practice in managing offshore delivery in July 2010
- follow-up consultation with the sample of providers in August and September 2010 to work on the content and supporting resources for the Guide.

If you have any queries or suggestions for participants in the projects, please contact:

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Thank you in anticipation of your support for these very important projects for the VET sector.

Yours sincerely



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