

FINAL REFERENCE 2010

PURPOSE

The NQC has established the Framework Implementation Action Group to oversee implementation of the recommendations outlined in the *VET Products for the 21st Century* report, continuing its work from 2009. The Framework Implementation Action Group may make recommendations to the NQC, but does not have independent decision-making powers.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Framework Implementation Action Group is to ensure that the recommendations of the *VET Products for the 21st Century* report are implemented within the timeframes required by the Council of Australian Governments and the National Quality Council.

OUTPUTS

The Action Group will oversee and report to the NQC on:

- implementation of agreed changes to packaging rules in Training Packages
- progress on the embedding of sustainability skills in Training Packages
- design and implementation activities relating to 'streamlining' Training Packages
- revision of the definition of competency
- an increased focus on preparatory, enabling qualifications, LLN and equity needs
- examination of a national credit system, jointly with the Australian Qualifications Framework Council (AQFC)
- communication and engagement activities.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Framework Implementation Action Group will consult with the following groups as relevant in undertaking its activities:

- Peak provider bodies
- Peak industry bodies / unions
- State and Territory training authorities and registering bodies
- Industry Skills Councils
- COAG Skills and Workforce Development Subgroup
- DEEWR / AEI
- Skills Australia

- National Quality Council
- Australian Qualifications Framework Council
- National VET Equity Advisory Council
- Universities Australia

GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Action Group, as per the protocol in place between the NQC and MCVTE, will be approved by the NQC. The Action Group will be chaired by Ms Megan Lilly (Australian Industry Group) and have as deputy chair Mr Mike Brough, and will comprise of the following representation:

- Peak provider bodies
- Peak industry bodies / unions
- State and Territory training authorities and registering bodies
- Industry Skills Councils
- DEEWR

OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Action Group will exist to 31 December 2010. The Action Group will meet, either face to face or through teleconference, as required in order to achieve its intended outcomes. All government representatives on the Action Group will meet the costs of being associated with the membership of the Action Group (including travel and accommodation). Industry and client group representatives may be assisted, where necessary, with the cost of attending meetings. The Secretariat function will be provided by TVET Australia.

BUDGET

The NQC will allocate a budget to the Action Group on a project by project basis as concept briefs are approved. The Secretariat will be responsible for administering the budget and providing appropriate reports to the Action Group and the NQC.

MILESTONES AND TIMEFRAMES

The Action Group will report directly to the NQC on milestone completion and on outcomes and specific recommendations at the completion of its work.

Milestone	Date
1 st progress report to NQC	8 April 2010
2 nd progress report to NQC	17 June 2010
3 rd progress report to NQC	9 September 2010
Final report and recommendations to NQC	9 December 2010

EQUITY

The operations of the Action Group must be consistent with NQC policies regarding equity and will report to the NQC on the way in which the Council's equity operating principles are incorporated into its practices and outputs.