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Welcome to the March TAC Update

Today the Council has launched its new website wa.gov.au/tac.

The transition to <u>wa.gov.au/tac</u> is a significant step towards making the Council's services more accessible to Western Australians. The new web address will make it easier for people to find the Council's website and improve the Council's visibility and accessibility. Website content has been reviewed, updated and streamlined into a user-friendly structure with a fresh new look.

The <u>wa.gov.au</u> platform is part of a key WA State Government strategy to consolidate all government agency websites under one domain, to streamline service delivery and make it easier for Western Australians to locate information and services online.

We encourage you to update your bookmarks and save links to the new Council website. For your convenience, a guide with links to the new location for the most frequently visited webpages is available.

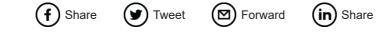




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TAC Education Program - upcoming events April



The full list of programs is available from the <u>Education Program</u> page. Webinar <u>recordings and resources</u> are also available to view.



Focus on Quality

Assessment in the Workplace

Assessment can occur in many environments such as the RTO's premises or in the workplace. The workplace can provide an important opportunity for learners to further develop practical skills in a real workplace environment and to demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills acquired.

There are many different approaches to assessing in the workplace and all involve a relationship between three parties - the learner, the workplace and the

RTO. Irrespective of the approach, strong learner outcomes and high quality experiences for all parties share common features including:

- 1. strong and cooperative partnerships;
- 2. clear roles, responsibilities, and expectations understood by all;
- 3. effective support for learners; and
- 4. continuous improvement.

When considering the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of all parties regarding workplace assessment, ensure that this information is clear



and easily understood. Many RTOs use a training and assessment strategy or TAS to describe how the qualification is delivered and assessed.

More information on assessing in the workplace is available in the TAC FactSheet: <u>Assessing in the Workplace</u> and in the recording of the recent webinar <u>Assessment in the Workplace</u>.



New Commencement Date for Revised Standards

On the 24th of February, the Skills Ministers agreed to a new commencement date of 1 January 2025 for the revised Standards. This will enable the Standards and related regulatory requirements to be further tested with the sector to ensure it is prepared for strengthened Standards and the revised approach supports uniformly high quality training delivery as soon as possible.

Further information is avilable on this on the next steps for VET reform in the <u>Skills and Workforce Ministerial Council Communique – 24 February 2023</u>.



2023 WA Training Awards

The Council is proud to support the 2023 WA Training Awards and encourages all RTOs to promote the Awards within their organisations and colleagues in the VET sector.



The Awards recognise and reward individuals and organisations that have excelled in vocational education and training (VET) – from apprentices, trainees and vocational students, to training professionals, training providers and employers committed to the training and development of their staff.

There are a number of award categories and people and organisations from across Western Australia and from all areas of training are encouraged to nominate for the Awards.

Applications close on Friday 28 April 2023 and the Awards will be announced at a presentation ceremony to be held in Perth in September 2023. For more information and to apply <u>click here.</u>

The 2023 WA Training Awards are coordinated by the Department of Training and Workforce Development and the State Training Board.



New TAC Fact Sheet





Webinar Recordings

Did you miss the recent TAC webinars:

- Assessment in the Workplace
- Continuous Improvement
- Renewal of Registration -Q&A Panel

Catch up now on <u>TAC's</u> YouTube channel.





Transition Extensions

At the March meeting, the Council agreed to extend the transition period for the following qualifications to **9 December 2024**:

- TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment; and
- TAE50216 Diploma of Training Design and Development.

View the full list of training products with <u>approved for an extended transition</u> <u>periods</u>.

The Council may consider requests to extend the transition period of a superseded training product when certain conditions apply. Further information is available on the TAC Website.



Course Accreditation updates

The Council extended the accreditation period for the following course to **30 May 2024**:

• 52825WA Certificate II in Building and Construction (Pathway - Para Professional)



Other important updates

Australian Training Awards

The Awards recognise and celebrate excellence and are an important mechanism for promoting the benefits of VET. Nominations for the 2023 Australian Training Awards are now open, closing on 31 May 2023! Click here for more information.

Latest Jobs and Skills Australia Reports

JSA have released the following reports:

- Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey (Feb 2023)
- Australian Labour Market for Migrants January 2023 (31/01/2023)
- Labour Market Update (28/2/2023)

Immediate Changes to Provide Responsible Service of Alcohol

In response to stakeholder concerns, the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations has made changes to the assessment requirements of the <u>SITHFAB002 Provide responsible service of alcohol</u> and its scheduled replacement <u>SITHFAB021 Provide responsible service of alcohol</u> These changes have been made via a minor release process and come into effect immediately.

Further information available on training.gov.au.

Infection Control HLTINF006 and HLTINF007 – change to implementation date

There is a change to the implementation date for Infection Control units of competency *HLTINF006 Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control* and *HLTINF007 Implement and monitor infection prevention and control standards, policies and procedures.*

On 16 December 2022 stakeholders were advised that a minor change would be implemented from 1 March 2023. In response to stakeholder feedback, RTOs will now have the option to deliver either the superseded unit OR the new unit from 1 March 2023 to 30 June 2023.

Further information available on training.gov.au.

Ten-year national safety blueprint released

Safe Work Australia has released a 10-year national strategy to reduce workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses.



<u>The Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2023-2033</u> sets a national vision of safe and healthy work for all and provides a platform for delivering key work health and safety improvements.

The strategy was developed under Safe Work Australia's tripartite governance processes and has been agreed by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments. It represents a national commitment to work together to reduce worker fatalities, injuries and illnesses over the next decade.

Latest NCVER Reports

NCVER have released the following new reports:



- Apprentices and trainees 2022: September quarter (28/3/23)
- Apprentice and trainee outcomes 2022 (23/3/23)
- Student equity in VET 2021: participation, achievement and outcomes (16/3/23)
- Research messages 2022 (8/3/23)
- Government-funded students and courses January to September 2022 (2/3/23)





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The Training Accreditation Council acknowledges Aboriginal peoples as the first sovereign Nations of Western Australia. We acknowledge their ancestral ties to the land and spiritual connection to Country. We acknowledge Elders both past and present, and value the contribution of Aboriginal people within our organisation. We support the Uluru Statement from the Heart and embrace its invitation to walk alongside Aboriginal people, united in a movement for a better future for all Australians.