



Australian Government

SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

National VET Regulator and the Standards Council

What are the National VET Regulator and Standards Council?

- The National VET Regulator will be responsible for the registration and audit of registered training organisations and the accreditation of courses in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.
 - The National VET Regulator will assist in ensuring that skills development in Australia is delivered through a high-quality training system. By underpinning the quality of the system it will allow employers and students to be confident about the outcomes of the training they receive.
 - It will regulate the training sector to ensure national standards are met and strengthen quality assurance for more than 1.7 million students and thousands of Australian businesses committed to the sector.
 - A national standards council will also be established to provide the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment with advice on national standards for regulation of VET training providers and the accreditation of VET qualifications.
 - The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to the creation of the National VET Regulator and Standards Council at its meeting of 7 December 2009.
- provide clear lines of accountability and responsibility for the quality of training, and
 - ensure a coordinated response to emerging quality issues in the sector.

What is the value of the National VET Regulator and what will it achieve?

- The Australian Government will provide \$55 million over four years for the operation of the National VET Regulator and the Standards Council.
- The National VET Regulator and the Standards Council will:
 - build confidence in the quality and consistency of skills outcomes across Australia
 - maximise the consistency of regulation of training providers throughout the country

Who will benefit from the National VET Regulator and how?

- This measure will benefit all students in vocational education and training, and their present and future employers, by ensuring that there is a consistent approach to the quality of training providers.
- Training providers should also benefit from more streamlined regulation and greater consistency across Australia.

When will the National VET Regulator be implemented?

- The Ministerial Council on Tertiary Education and Employment will be considering the Intergovernmental Agreement for this measure in June 2010 and it will then be presented to COAG for agreement.
- Legislation to implement the measure should be introduced in the spring sittings this year.
- The design and operations of the National VET Regulator and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) will be closely aligned.
- It is envisaged that the National VET Regulator will be operational from April 2011 and will be integrated with TEQSA in 2013.

How do I obtain more information?

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