Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations

Purpose

To notify Queensland school registered training organisations (RTOs) about the release of the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations (the Standards), now available on the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) website.

Background

The DEWR has revised the Standards to strengthen the focus on quality outcomes for learners and employers, provide greater clarity, and allow for more flexibility and innovation in training delivery. All RTOs will be required to meet the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations from 1 July 2025.

The 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations comprise three elements:

- Outcome Standards
- 2. Compliance Standards (Requirements)
- 3. Credential Policy.

The change in structure and content of the Standards provides a clearer and more direct link between the requirements RTOs are expected to meet and the outcomes they are expected to deliver.

Information

To assist RTOs in transitioning to the Standards, the QCAA has revised all resources. We have also conducted webinars and presentations about what school RTOs need to do to transition to the Standards. A recording of the '*Implementation of 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations*' webinar will be available in the VET application (app) early in Term 3.

ASQA has developed Practice Guides to support RTO's understanding of the regulatory expectations against the Standards. The guides are not prescriptive and include:

- examples of activities and considerations for compliance
- self-assurance questions for RTOs to consider when measuring their performance against the Standards.

The QCAA is currently working with ASQA and undertaking consultation meetings with the three schooling sectors to pilot the performance assessment process. This process will inform the





QCAA's approach with providers. The QCAA will communicate with all RTOs once this consultation process has concluded to ensure that all RTOs registered with the QCAA have a thorough understanding of the revised regulatory approach.

The QCAA will work closely with RTOs that submit applications throughout the transition period (semester 2 2025), assisting them with the change of scope registration application and initial RTO registration application processes.

All applications received from 1 July 2025 will be reviewed against the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations. Before submitting any applications to change scope of registration, RTO managers should first review the Standards and the updated school management resources and polices and procedure documents, along with implementation guides in the VET app within the QCAA Portal.

Applications received prior to 1 July 2025 that have not yet been processed will be finalised against the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations. Should you be in this situation, a QCAA officer in the QCE and QCIA Unit will contact your RTO and work through any required changes in evidence.

Please email the team at VET@qcaa.qld.edu.au, or send a question through the VET app, if you require any assistance with this or if you have other questions regarding these changes.

The QCAA will update the information related to changes in the Standards in the next version of the QCE and QCIA policies and procedures handbook.

What you need to do

Current school RTOs

- Existing school RTOs should review the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations against current RTO systems, policies and practices.
- The school RTO manager should review the ASQA Practice Guides. These are located on ASQA's website at www.asqa.gov.au.

Schools considering becoming RTOs

- Before applying to become an RTO, the Principal and the intended RTO manager (executive officer) should first review the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations.
- The proposed school RTO manager should contact the QCE and QCIA team to discuss the process for initial registration. Please email the VET team at VET@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3864 0381.

Finding out more

Please email the VET team at vet@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3864 0381.

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