

Initial or Renewal of Registration Application Guide

About this Guide

This guide explains the information you need to provide in the application forms for registration or re-registration as a training organisation.

You need to complete the *RTO1a Application for Initial Registration* if you are applying to become a registered training organisation (RTO) for the first time, or *RTO1b Application for Renewal of Registration* if you are renewing your registration.

Applicants and RTOs must ensure that they meet the legislative and licensing requirements relevant to their registration. Information about the relevant legislative and licensing requirements can be found in [Training Packages](#) or through the appropriate [Skills Service Organisations](#).

All applicants must comply with the requirements of:

- Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015*
- The *Vocational and Education and Training Act 1996*; and
- All guidelines for RTOs issued by the Training Accreditation Council.

Users' Guide on the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015*

The Users' Guide on the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015* has been developed to provide general guidance in interpreting the Standards. Throughout this document, references to The Guide are made where further guidance and information is available. The Guide is available to download from the TAC website at: www.tac.wa.gov.au.

Registering Body Compliance

The Training Accreditation Council (the Council) must comply with the *Vocational Education and Training (General) Regulations 2009* and *Standards for VET Regulators 2015*. A copy of the Standards and Regulations is available from the TAC website at: www.tac.wa.gov.au.

Applications must be submitted to the TAC Secretariat through the RTO Portal.

For a renewal of registration application, only the legally responsible and registration contact can create applications online.

For initial registration applications, the applicant must first complete a Portal Access Request Form to create an account to lodge the form through the Portal.

[Portal Access Request Form](#)

Application process

How long does the application process take?

Although the application process for registration can vary, the process for registration is usually finalised within four months.

If your organisation is renewing it is a requirement to lodge your application at least four months before your current registration expires.

It is important to ensure that all relevant information is provided with your application in order to avoid delays in processing.

On receipt of your application by the Training Accreditation Council (TAC) Secretariat, your application will be allocated to a Regulation Officer. This officer will manage the application and will be your contact throughout the process.

Should the Regulation Officer determine that the evidence provided does not demonstrate that your organisation is ready for audit, your application may be returned. Your application fee will NOT be refunded and you will be required to re-apply.

Type of Application

Section 1 identifies if your organisation is applying for initial or renewal of registration and if your organisation is or is intending to: deliver to overseas students studying in Western Australia on a student visa or to deliver Nationally Recognised Training in States and Territories other than Western Australia and Victoria.

If you intend to provide education services to overseas students studying in Western Australia on a student visa, then you will need to apply for registration with the national regulator ASQA. For further details about ASQA please visit their website at www.asqa.gov.au

Section 1 – Applicants Details

1.1 Name of legal entity

This section identifies the legal entity applying for registration.

Registration will only be granted in the name of a legal entity, not a trading name alone.

A link between the legal entity and the trading name must be evident. As this link is not identified by a Certificate of the Registration of a Business Name, a copy of your Business Name Extract from the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) is essential.

The name of the legal entity that is registered as the RTO will appear on training.gov.au (TGA). That name, as listed on TGA, must therefore be used by the RTO on:

- All Australian Qualification Framework qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by the RTO;
- and
- All enrolment forms and contracts with students and other clients.



Further information on Issuing AQF Qualifications is available in Schedule 5 of the Users Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

1.2 Type of legal entity

This section identifies the type of legal entity that is applying for registration.

Following is information each type of legal entity will need to include with their initial or renewal of registration application:

- Corporations – If the applicant is a company, the name must be exactly as registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation and full ASIC details (showing the names and addresses of all directors) must be attached. NOTE: Only corporations registered in Australia may apply for registration with the Council.
- Incorporated association – If the applicant is an incorporated association, a copy of its Certificate of Incorporation must be included.
- Government Entity - If the applicant is a government entity, you will need to provide the title of legislation under which the entity is established or constituted.
- Partnerships – If the organisation is a partnership, registration will only be granted in the full names of all partners. Such applicants should note that, if the partnership ceases to exist (for example, one of the partners leaves the partnership), the RTO's registration will be cancelled and the new entity will have to apply for registration in its own right.
- Trusts – If the applicant is a Trust, registration will only be granted if there is a Corporate Trustee in place (rather than individual/s).

1.3 Registered business or trading name(s)

This section identifies the trading name for the legal entity applying for registration.

In addition to the name of the legal entity, an organisation may use a registered business (trading) name(s) under which it wishes to perform its RTO functions, including marketing and advertising its services.

If the RTO uses a trading name, it must provide a copy of the Certificate of Registration of Business Name showing the current and correct details, including the registration number and proprietor of the name. The proprietor must be the legal entity. If a link is not evident between the legal entity and the trading name additional evidence will be required.

If registration is granted it will be on the condition that the RTOs functions will be performed in the name of the legal entity and its nominated registered business name(s) only and that the RTO retains its present legal status.

1.4 Australian Company Number (ACN)

If the legal entity is a company, enter the ACN.

1.5 Australian Business Number (ABN)

The RTOs ABN must be set out on all of the RTOs documentation, preceded by the abbreviation "ABN".

If the RTO is a company and the last 9 digits of the RTOs ABN are not the same and are not in the same order as the last 9 digits of its ACN, both the RTOs ACN (preceded by the abbreviation “ACN”) and ABN must be set out on all RTO documentation.

1.6 Type of training organisation

Using the definitions below as a guide, indicate the type of training organisation the legal entity is. Do not take delivery location, type of qualification or type of funding into account. For example:

- Although a TAFE College may have a delivery location at a government school, the type of training organisation will still be “TAFE”, not “Government school”.
- Although a TAFE College may deliver a senior secondary certificate, the type of training organisation will still be “TAFE”, not “Government school”.
- Although a TAFE College may receive funding to deliver community based adult education programs, the type of training organisation will still be “TAFE” not “Community based adult education provider”

Below are definitions of the type of training organisations:

- School - A school’s major activity is the provision of full time secondary education or the provision of secondary distance education. The term includes schools in institutions and hospitals, mission schools and similar establishments.
- Australian Technical College – (ATC) means a school in respect of which financial assistance under the *Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia’s Skills Needs) Act 2005* is provided or proposed to be provided.
- TAFE College - is a government funded public body created by an Act of Parliament.
- Enterprise – Training is delivered to the enterprise’s employees or cadets.
 - o Enterprise – Government (e.g. Department of Defence, Department of Correctional Services Academy, Centrelink). Government entities also need to identify the legislation under which they are established or constituted.
 - o Enterprise – Non-Government (e.g. Woolworths Ltd, Qantas Airways Ltd).
- University – All universities in Australia are established or recognised under federal, state or territory legislation.
 - o University – Government (e.g. RMIT University)
 - o University – Non-Government Catholic (e.g. Australian Catholic University)
 - o University – Non-Government independent (e.g. Bond University)
- Private Provider – A privately owned education/training business or centre.
- Professional Association – An association that performs functions such as:
 - o Providing and promoting professional career development activities
 - o Establishing and monitoring industry standards and professional codes of practice
 - o Advising educational institutions on curriculum development

Examples include the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Australian Institute of Management, and the Australian Computer Society.
- Industry Association – A national industry association that represents the interests of its members (e.g. Internet Industry Association) or an industry union (e.g. Textile Clothing & Footwear Union of Australia)
- Equipment/product manufacturer/supplier – an entity that provides certification and training for employees and non-employees (e.g. Microsoft).

- Community Based Adult Education Provider – A not for profit, community-based organisation with a primary focus on adult education.
- Other not elsewhere classified – Training providers that are not classified elsewhere, for example:
 - o For profit private training provider (e.g. a private one on one music teacher, a private tutor)
 - o Not for profit training provider (e.g. Mission Australia).

Section 2 – Head Office

2.1 Head office of legal entity applying for registration

Provide details of head office location and postal address of the legal entity applying for registration. See also 2.8 as, for some organisations, this may not be the same as the principal place of RTO business.

Section 3 – Contact Details

3.1 Legally Responsible Person/ Chief Executive Officer

The Legally Responsible Person must be the person who is legally responsible for the organisation and ensuring it operates in accordance with the *Standards for RTOs*.

The Legally Responsible Person will be listed on the TGA, and all audit reports and correspondence will be addressed to the Legally Responsible Person. The legally responsible person must also be the chief signatory on all AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by the RTO.

Where there are a number of directors or partners, the organisation must nominate one person as the Legally Responsible Person.



Further information on the Legally Responsible Person is available in Clause 7.1 and 7.2 of the Users' Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

3.2 TGA day to day public enquiries contact person

This person's name and contact details will be listed on the TGA website as the main contact person for public enquiries.

3.3 Registration contact person

This person will be the main contact with the registering body and, therefore, must be the person responsible for all registration matters.

The person may be the CEO (for example, if the RTO is a small organisation). Alternatively, it may be a person who is designated by the CEO, provided it is someone who has direct access to the CEO and is authorised by the CEO to act on behalf of the RTO and to make decisions about registration matters. If the registration contact person is the CEO, write "CEO" in place of surname.

Although the CEO may designate a person to fulfil this role, you need to note that the CEO remains responsible for ensuring that the organisation operates in accordance with the *Standards for RTOs*, as the CEO is the legally responsible person.

Section 4 – Delivery Sites

4.1 Principal place of RTO business

Provide all details of the actual location from which the organisations activity as an RTO will be controlled (ie where records and evidence for audit purposes are kept).

For some organisations this may not be the same location as the head office. If it is write “head office”.

Note: If the principle place of business is not within Western Australia, your organisation may not be eligible for registration in Western Australia.

4.2 RTOs permanent delivery sites

List all addresses of premises owned or leased by the RTO where the RTO services will be provided, as well as the name of the manager or key contact person at each site and their contact details. Ensure details of permanent delivery sites offshore/overseas are also listed here.

If you intend to offer or deliver in other States and Territories, other than Victoria, your registration will need to be regulated by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).

Do not list venues that your organisation hires only on an occasional basis.

Section 5 – Other Associates

In this section, you need to provide details of all people who are associates of the legal entity making the application.

You must advise the Training Accreditation Council if any of these details change at any time during the period of registration.

Please read the definition of the term “associate” and the related terms provided below and note the following:

- Corporations need to provide the details of all directors and the company secretary with the application. TAC may also request a list of the top 20 shareholders.
- Incorporated associations need to provide the details of the chairperson, secretary, public officer and committee members.

A person is an associate of another person if:

- a) One is a parent, spouse, de facto partner or child of the other; or
- b) One is the employer or employee of the other; or
- c) They are partners in a partnership; or
- d) One is a body corporate and the other –
 - I. is a director or a member of the governing body of the body corporate; or
 - II. is otherwise involved in the control or management of the body corporate; or
 - III. has a legal or equitable interest in 5% or more of the share capital of the body corporate
- e) One is the trustee or beneficiary of a trust of this the other is also a trustee or beneficiary; or
- f) A chain of relationships can be traced between them under one or more of the above options.

Section 6 – Applicant History

In Section 3 you need to provide details about the history of the legal entity making the application and any “associate” of the applicant as defined in section 3 of this guide.

The questions in Section 3 need to be completed by the CEO of the legal entity applying for registration. The responses to the questions about the applicant and any associate will be used to determine suitability for registration.

TAC may only register a training organisation if it is satisfied that the applicant is suitable for registration in accordance with the provisions of the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996*. In considering whether an applicant is suitable for registration, TAC may have regard to:

- a) The prior and current conduct of the applicant and any associate if the applicant, whether in Western Australia or elsewhere; and
- b) Any other matter that the Council considers relevant.

The questions asked in Section 3 assist the Council in determining the suitability of the applicant.

6.1 Current registration in another State/Territory

If the applicant or any associate currently holds registration in any State or Territory, you need to provide details.

A legal entity can only hold one registration. Therefore, if the legal entity submitting the application is currently registered interstate and it succeeds in obtaining registration in Western Australia, it will be required to cancel its registration in the other State or Territory. The CEO needs to provide a letter confirming agreement to do this. If any associate of the applicant is currently registered in any State or Territory, you need to attach a letter from the CEO providing the reasons for this application for registration.

6.2 Former registration in another State/Territory

If the applicant or any associate has ever been a registered training organisation (RTO), you need to provide the details requested and attach a letter from the CEO explaining the reasons for ending that registration and stating whether any sanctions were outstanding at the time.

6.3 Pending applications in another State/Territory

If the applicant or any associate has an application for registration lodged with another registering body, you need to provide a letter from the CEO providing details of this application and the reasons for it. This application will not be processed until all details of the other application are provided. You should note that a legal entity may only be registered in one State or Territory.

6.4 - Other information

If the applicant, senior officers, directors, substantial shareholders or associates have answered yes to any of this question, please provide details on a separate piece of paper outlining the details.

Section 7 – Registration Details

Section 7 includes questions about the current (or intended) delivery arrangements of your training organisation. These answers to these questions will assist the Regulation Officer to conduct a risk assessment of your organisation to determine the level and scope of the audit to be applied to the application.



Further information on third party arrangements is available in in Clauses 2.3 and 2.4 of the Users' Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

If you answer “yes” to the question ‘Does your organisation intend to take fees in advance?’, please refer to Schedule 6 of the *Standards for RTOs*, and identify which option you are using to protect student fees paid in advance.



Further information on fees is available in Clauses 5.3, 7.3 and Schedule 6 of the Users' Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

Completing the delivery table:

You need to specify all training package qualifications, individual units of competency (where not delivering a full qualification) and accredited courses for which you are applying.

Please check the TGA website, to obtain the correct titles and codes in order to complete the table(s). Applications that do not provide accurate information may be rejected and returned to the applicant.

The delivery table will be used to calculate the fee you will be charged.

*Delivery of the **TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment** – an RTO is required to be registered for 2 years before it can be registered to deliver any qualification or assessor skill set from the Training & Education Training Package.*



Further information on delivering the Cert IV in Training and Assessment is available in Clauses 1.22 to 1.25 of the Users' Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

Assessment only

If you intend to provide an assessment service (that is, recognition of prior learning rather than a full training and assessment service) for any of the training package qualifications, units of competency and/or accredited courses listed, you need to indicate this against each item.

Please note the following:

- Your organisation must deliver and assess against the current nationally recognised training qualifications/units and accredited courses;
 - Where a new version of a training package has been endorsed nationally but has not yet been published, your organisation must await its publication on TGA before applying to have qualifications/units from it included on your registration;
 - Applications that contain incorrect information may not be processed;
 - Applications for qualifications and/or units of competency from training packages that have been superseded/ replaced will not be accepted; and
 - Applications for accredited courses that have been replaced/expired will not be accepted.
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Section 8 – Total VET Activity Exemptions

Section 8 allows the applicant to apply for an exemption to total VET activity.

Further information regarding the exemptions can be found on the TAC website or Section 5 of the [National VET Data Policy](#).



Further information on Total VET Activity reporting is available in Clauses 8.1 and 8.2 of the Users' Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

Section 9 – Conflict of Interest

Section 9 allows the applicant to identify any conflict of interest with a specific Auditor.

Please note that if a conflict of interest is identified, the reason for this conflict must be included. A declaration is made as a formal undertaking to the Training Accreditation Council.

Section 10 – Evidence to Support Your Application

Evidence to support your organisation's application is outlined in the Initial/Renewal Application Self-Assessment Tool.

The supporting evidence provided with your application will be used by the Regulation Officer to establish your organisation's readiness for audit.

Evidence to establish your organisation's compliance with the *Standards for RTOs* for all training and assessment identified in your application will be reviewed by the Auditor during the audit.

Information should be appropriate to the operations of your training organisation.



Further information on financial viability is available in Clause 7.2 of the Users' Guide on the *Standards for RTOs 2015*

Section 11 – Fee Structure

Section 11 outlines the fees associated with registration.

Please note that the application lodgement fee and application assessment fee are payable at the time of submitting your application and are non-refundable.

The following fees are inclusive of GST.

Fee Type	Fees	Notes	
Initial Registration			
Application Lodgement Fee	\$800	Non-refundable, payable at the time of submitting application.	
Application Assessment Fee	\$8,000 Plus: \$145 \$50 \$1,395	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Fee • each additional qualification • each additional unit of competency • each additional delivery site 	Base fee includes up to 4 qualifications, up to 20 units of competency and up to 2 delivery sites. <i>Total application fee, including lodgement and assessment, is capped at \$50,000.</i>
Renewal of Registration			
Application Lodgement Fee	\$900	Non-refundable, payable at the time of submitting application.	
Application Assessment Fee	\$7,000 Plus: \$145 \$50 \$700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base fee • each additional qualification • each additional unit of competency • each additional delivery site 	Base fee includes up to 4 qualifications, up to 20 units of competency and up to 2 delivery sites. <i>Total application fee, including lodgement and assessment, is capped at \$50,000.</i>
Annual RTO Registration Fee	\$1,130 \$3,220 \$6,975 \$10,730	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-4 qualifications • 5-10 qualifications • 11-60 qualifications • 61 or more qualifications 	Payable annually. Includes any number of units of competency.

Section 12 – Declaration of CEO

This declaration must be completed by the Legally Responsible Person of the organisation applying for registration. If the legal entity applying for registration is a person, that person must complete the declaration.

The declaration is made as a formal undertaking to the Training Accreditation Council.

Questions?

If you have any questions when completing the application form, please contact the Training Accreditation Council Secretariat on:

Phone: (08) 9224 6510

Email: tac@dtwd.wa.gov.au

Web: www.tac.wa.gov.au