



# TAC Update

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## Welcome to the October TAC Update

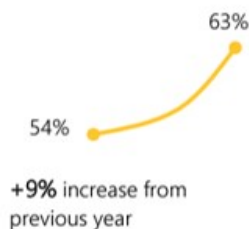
Following its tabling in Parliament, the Training Accreditation Council's 2021-2022 [Annual Report](#) is now available to view.

Highlights during this period include the endorsement of the 2021-2023 [Focus on Quality: TAC Regulatory Strategy](#), the finalisation of the strategic industry review into Community Services qualifications, increasing levels of compliance at main audit and a significant increase in participation in the Council's education program with 1,141 participants in the last financial year .



The Council recognises that 2021-2022 was a challenging period for RTOs as they adapted delivery and assessment to meet changing landscapes. It acknowledges the substantial efforts of RTOs during this period and their ongoing commitment to their learners and delivery of quality training and assessment in Western Australia.

### Compliance at main audit



### Engagement with the sector

114 formal meetings with stakeholders



### Education program



+13% increase in education program participation

## What's in this edition?

- TAC Education Program
- Focus on quality - Industry Engagement
- New TAC podcasts
- Winner of Trainer of the Year Award

- Transition Extensions
- Course Accreditation update
- Other important updates



## TAC Education Program - upcoming events

### October

**28** - Kalgoorlie Regional Workshops (Face to Face)

1. Understanding Vocational Competence and Industry Currency

Register

2. Making an Assessment Decision

Register

### November

**10** - Industry Engagement

Register

Click [here](#) to view the full TAC Education Program schedule and/or register for an event.

PD Calendar

The full list of Education Program recordings and resources is available on the [TAC Website](#).



## Focus on quality - Industry Engagement

Vocational education and training (VET) enables the skilling of people for industry and the workplace. This means that the training and assessment delivered by RTOs should accurately reflect workplace requirements.



As shown through the [Community Services Strategic Industry Audit](#), effective industry engagement enables RTOs to reflect the needs of industry and current

workplace requirements.

Clauses 1.5 and 1.6 of the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015* require RTOs to ensure that training and assessment practices are relevant to the needs of industry and informed by industry engagement to ensure relevance practices, resources and currency of its trainers and assessors.

To assist RTOs plan and undertake industry engagement the Council has developed a workshop to be held on **30 November 2022**. The workshop will include examples of effective engagement to assist RTOs in their practice. Click [here to register](#).

Additionally, the Council has also revised its industry engagement fact sheet and developed a podcast. The links to these resources are available below:

- [Industry Engagement Fact Sheet](#)
- [Industry Engagement Podcast](#)



## New TAC podcast

TAC has released two new podcasts:  
- ***Trainer and Assessor Requirements***; and  
- ***Industry Engagement***.



To listen to these and other TAC Talks on aspects of compliance and quality, click [here](#).



## Congratulations to the Winner of Trainer of the Year Award

Congratulations to **Stephen Delaney**, the winner of the WA Trainer of the Year Award. For 20 years, Stephen has delivered training to his students with a pastoral and holistic approach. He readily participates in training to

upskill, as well as adapting and improving his teaching style to navigate modern-day challenges.



The Council sponsored award recognises innovation and excellence by a trainer who provides nationally recognised training to learners at a registered training organisation or in partnership with an RTO.

There were 43 finalists across 13 categories in the 2022 WA Training Awards and the Council would like to congratulate all those recognised for their outstanding achievements.

For the full list of the 2022 WA Training Awards winners click [here](#).



## Transition Extensions

At the September and October meetings, the Council agreed to extend the transition period for:

- three qualifications from the Construction, Plumbing and Services (CPC) Training Package
- five qualifications from the Financial Services (FNS) Training Package
- 23 qualifications and three units of competency from the Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT) Training Package
- one qualification from the Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical (FBP) Training Package
- one qualification from the Public Sector (PSP) Training Package
- one qualification from the Transport and Logistics (TLI) Training Package
- three qualifications from the Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector (UET) training package

A full list of training products approved for an extended transition period is available on the [TAC Website](#).

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

Council accredited the following courses to **30 September 2027**:

- 52896WA Advanced Diploma of Civil and Structural Engineering (Materials Testing)
- 52897WA Certificate III in Teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages
- 52898WA Certificate IV in Teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages

Council extended the accreditation period for the following courses to **31 March 2023**:

- 52818WA Advanced Diploma of Indigenous Pastoral Ministry
- 52817WA Advanced Diploma of Indigenous Studies
- 52815WA Certificate III in Indigenous Studies
- 52814WA Certificate IV in Indigenous Studies
- 52813WA Diploma of Indigenous Studies

Council extended the accreditation period for the following courses to **30 April 2024**:

- 52823WA Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills (CAVSS)
- 52832WA Course in Underpinning Skills for Industry Qualifications



## Other important updates

### Fraudulent Qualifications in WA Mining Industry

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety has released a [health and safety bulletin](#) in relation to persons conducting businesses or undertakings and the obligation they have to carefully assess the validity of qualifications, supporting documentation and training certificates submitted by candidates applying for jobs in the Western Australian mining industry.

Although this bulletin is aimed at the mining industry, it provides a timely reminder for all RTOs to ensure that sufficient information must be provided on a Testamur and Statement of Attainment to ensure that the documentation is able to be authenticated and reduce fraudulent copying and use.

For further information refer to the Council's fact sheet - [Issuing Testamurs and Statements of Attainment](#).

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## **Jobs and Skills Summit 2022**

The recent Jobs and Skills Summit led by the Prime Minister, Treasurer and government Ministers was held on 1-2 September 2022.



The Summit examined challenges and opportunities in the Australian labour market and economy, including whether the current systems for higher education and VET are appropriately tailored to respond to Australia's needs now and in the future, and how governments can better integrate training and employment pathways.

The government released 36 immediate initiatives from the Summit that include negotiations on the National Skills Agreement, strengthening the TAFE sector, establishing Jobs and Skills Australia and progressing VET reforms. The Jobs and Skills Summit outcomes document can be viewed in full [here](#).

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## **Meeting of Federal, State and Territory Skills Ministers**

On the 7th of October, Federal and State and Territory Skills and Training Ministers met in person for the first time since 2019 to progress a range of key vocational education and training reform matters.

The Skills Ministers agreed to work in close collaboration on a number of different areas including the outcomes from the Jobs and Skills Summit, progression of establishing Jobs and Skills Australia, National Skills Agreements, development of the revised Standards for RTOs and progress of a VET Workforce Capability Blueprint.

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## **National Skills Commission Reports**

The National Skills Commission (NSC) have released the following reports:

- [Job Openings and Replacement Rates by Occupation](#)
- [2022 Skills Priority List](#)



## Latest NCVER Reports

NCVER have released a number of new reports including:



- [Apprentices and trainees 2022: March quarter](#)
- [VET and higher education pathways - do outcomes differ for the same occupation](#)
- [VET qualification completion rates 2021](#)
- [Government-funded students and courses - January to March 2022](#)



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