

VOCATIONAL & EDUCATION TRAINING (VET)

POLICY

Australian Parliament

Approves and sets Vocational education and training legislation for regulators

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Skills Council

Established by COAG to develop and implement high-level policies that will assist Australian industry to be competitive and motivated to create jobs and investment. Skills Council is responsible for Industry competitiveness, productivity and labour market pressures, skills development and national training arrangements.

PLANNING

Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC)

Provides advice to Industry and Skills Ministers on the implementation of national VET policies, and approves nationally recognised training packages for implementation in the VET system.

Industry Reference Committees (IRC)

Made up of industry representatives and is a formal channel for considering industry skills requirements in the development and review of training packages.

Skills Service Organisations (SSO)

Supports IRCs by providing administrative work when developing and reviewing training packages.

IMPLEMENTATION

Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

The national regulator for the VET sector who regulates courses and training providers to ensure nationally approved quality standards are met.

Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA)

Apply standards to education and training providers and accredit courses and qualifications in Vic only.

Training Accreditation Council Western Australia (TACWA)

Responsible quality assurance and recognition of vocational education and training (VET) services in WA only.

USER

Registered Training Organisations

VET service provider that train enrolled students, apprentices and trainees from certificate I to Advance Diplomas.

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS

POLICY & PLANNING

Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Oversees and implements related contracts, legislation, incentives and funding arrangements.

State Training Authorities

Government departments responsible for the operation of Australian Apprenticeships in their own State or Territory. This includes the VRQA and TACWA.

IMPLEMENTATION

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network

Checks the eligibility of Australian Apprentices and helps employers start an apprentice or trainee then manage incentives and administration, and assist with post-recruitment support.

USERS

Schools

Approves and allows apprentice or trainee to start while studying at school. Arranges school, work and training schedules. Works closely with RTO and Employer.

Employer

Creates a position for an apprentice or trainee to commence. Pays the apprentice or trainee and provides the on the job training.

Parent or Guardian

Needed for approval and signing of any legal and binding contracts if the person is under 18 years old and provides ongoing support.

Group Training Organisations

Recruit apprentices and trainees, places them with host employers and provides ongoing support.

Australian Apprentice or Trainee

Creates a position for an apprentice or trainee to commence. Pays the apprentice or trainee and provides the on the job training.