

Media Release

TEQSA & ASQA Chiefs To Brief Independent Education Providers

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The leadership of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) will brief independent providers in the higher education plus vocational education and training (VET) on their regulatory and compliance activities for the coming year.

Coordinated by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACEPT), the peak body organisation representing independent providers in the higher education and VET sectors, the primary purpose of the event is to align the priorities of providers and regulators.

“TEQSA, ASQA and the ACPET membership share a commitment to delivering the quality outcomes that students and business require. It’s great that all three stakeholders are coming together to build an understanding of what quality and compliance looks like,” said Troy Williams, ACPET Chief Executive Officer.

The importance of the briefing can be viewed in the significant contribution that independent providers make to the skilling of Australia. Independent providers deliver around 60% of all VET student enrolments nationally, about 90% of international student VET enrolments and are growing higher education enrolments at over 10% per year, with student satisfaction rates equal to those of public TAFE colleges and universities.

“ACPET’s commitment is to link independent providers with regulators in order to develop a broad understanding of the sector, the challenges before it and what’s required to ensure that students and business have access to the quality outcomes that they are seeking,” Mr Williams said.

The briefing is to be held on 25 February 2019 in Sydney and will be provided by Mr Nick Saunders AO, TEQSA Chief Commissioner, who will be joined by Mr Mark Paterson AO, the ASQA Chief Commissioner. Stakeholders from across the independent tertiary education sector are welcome to attend and registrations can be made via the ACPET website at: www.acpet.edu.au

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