

# Media Release

## VET Trainer & Assessor Credential Change Delay Welcomed

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The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET), has welcomed a delay in introducing updated credential requirements for trainers and assessors in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Sector. ACPET represents independent providers in the Higher Education plus Vocational Education and Training sectors.

In April 2016 the *Certificate IV in Training and Assessment* was updated to include the 'Design and develop assessment tools' and 'Address adult language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills' units of competency. Further, the core units of the Assessor Skill Set were updated to include the 'Design and develop assessment tools' unit of competency. The need for trainers and assessors to have achieved these competencies by 1 April 2019 had been incorporated within the regulatory standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs); however, this requirement has been delayed to 1 July 2019.

The delay of the introduction date required agreement of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Industry Skills Council, that consists of the Skills Ministers from the Australian Government and each state and territory. ACPET provided advice to the Skills Ministers that some RTOs may not have met the new requirements by 1 April 2019, due to the increased number of trainers and assessors accessing gap training.

"It's pleasing that the nation's Skills Ministers considered the advice from ACPET and acted. It shows what can be achieved when we work collaboratively with government to build an understanding of the challenges that independent providers face," said Troy Williams, ACPET Chief Executive.

In making this decision, the Skills Ministers accepted advice from ACPET that the delay would allow trainers and assessors to continue to train while undertaking gap training for a further three months.

It is noted that individuals who hold a diploma or higher level qualification in adult education may not need to undertake any further gap training to meet the requirements. Providers and their trainers and assessors are responsible to confirm contemporary proficiency and relevant industry skills and experience.

"ACPET's advocacy on this matter was focussed on ensuring that the independent tertiary education sector could continue to provide students and their employers with the quality outcomes they are looking for. This announcement helps achieve this," Mr Williams said.

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