



Australian Government

Skills Reform

Implementation and Transition Timeline

The Australian Government has committed to delivering a collaborative, tripartite VET sector that brings employers, unions and governments together to find solutions to skills and workforce challenges. Jobs and Skills Councils (JSCs) are being established to provide industry with a stronger, more strategic voice in ensuring Australia's VET delivers stronger outcomes for learners and employers. JSCs will identify the skills and workforce needs of their sectors, map career pathways, develop contemporary VET training products, support collaboration between industry and training providers to improve training and assessment practice and act as a source of intelligence on issues affecting their industries. JSCs will also have a strong connection to Jobs and Skills Australia.

Transitioning to new industry engagement arrangements

JSCs are expected to be operational from January 2023. A phased wind-down of the current arrangements has ensured a smooth transition and minimal disruption to students, training providers and employers.

The 67 Industry Reference Committees and six Skills Service Organisations, focused primarily on the development of training products, will cease operations at the end of 2022 and the new arrangements will be implemented.

This phased transition and implementation has ensured:

- the national training system is largely up to date with 77 percent of VET qualification related to occupations in demand updated within the last three years
- the training product development program for 2022 has been finalised with over 80 projects undertaken

- JSCs will be provided with a set of Industry Summaries for all their industry areas as part of the training product handover.

Establishing JSCs

JSCs are being established through a two-stage grant opportunity.

Stage one update

- The Stage One outcomes have now been announced.
- Stage One of the grant opportunity opened on 3 December 2021 and closed on 31 March 2022. The response to Stage One demonstrated a high level of interest from industry leaders to establish and operate JSCs.

Stage two

- Stage Two of the grant opportunity will commence shortly and involves newly established JSCs providing an operational and delivery strategy detailing how they will carry out the full range of functions.
- Successful Stage Two applicants will then be invited to negotiate a second grant agreement that provides operational and activity funding.
- Depending on the complexity of any negotiations and/or organisational maturity, it is anticipated there will be a progressive establishment of JSCs from January 2023.

Further updates will be made available via the DEWR Industry Engagement Reforms website, where you can register your interest to stay up to date and to engage with the JSCs once established.

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