



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

A phased wind-down of the current arrangements 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, ceased operations at the end of 2022. This phased transition and implementation ensured:

- Following the comprehensive transition and wind down of the previous arrangements in 2022, the national training system is largely up to date.
- JSCs have been provided with a set of Industry Summaries for all their industry areas as part of the training product handover.
- The 10 JSCs are expected to be progressively operational from mid-2023.

Establishing the JSCs

- JSCs are being established through a two-stage grant opportunity which opened on 3 December 2021.
- A high level of interest was received from industry leaders to establish and operate a JSC.

- The 10 JSCs were announced in December 2022 and commenced finalising their establishment phase including bedding down governance and operational arrangements.
- Stage Two of the grant Opportunity invites the successful Stage One grantees to provide an operational and delivery strategy detailing how they will carry out the full range of functions.

Further updates will be made available via the [DEWR Industry Engagement Reforms website](#).

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