



Interim arrangements for the Education and Foundation Skills sectors

Questions and Answers

Is there a Jobs and Skills Council (JSC) responsible for the Education and Foundation Skills sectors and the Training and Education (TAE) and Foundation Skills (FSK) Training Packages?

There is currently no JSC responsible for the Education and Foundation Skills sectors and the TAE and FSK Training Packages.

The Skills and Workforce Ministerial Council agreed that the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (department) will have temporary oversight of the TAE and FSK Training Packages.

Given that the Education sector is of critical importance in underpinning the entire VET system, particularly in respect of supporting foundation skills and the VET workforce more broadly, the department is considering alternative arrangements to best serve the Education sector in the longer-term.

To support this interim arrangement, the department established the TAE/FSK Training Package Technical Reference Group (TRG) to assist the department with the TAE and FSK training packages. The terms of reference for this group can be found [here](#).

The department is working with states and territories and VET stakeholders to consider longer-term arrangements for the vocational education sector in the context of broader skills reforms.

I am interested in updates on the TAE and FSK Training Packages, where can I go for information?

The interim arrangements for the Education and Foundation Skills sectors including the TAE and FSK Training Packages will remain in place until alternative arrangements are settled. Updates on longer-term arrangements will be made available on the [DEWR website](#).

Who should I contact if I have a training package question?

Until longer-term arrangements are settled, the TAE/FSK Training Package TRG will provide advice on TAE and FSK training product content to inform responses to stakeholder enquires. The TRG will also assist the department with any urgent training product work that may be required during the interim arrangements.

Technical queries regarding TAE and FSK training product content can be sent to the department via email at TrainingProductQueries@dewr.gov.au.

TAE Training and Education (TAE) Training Package Questions and Answers

Why was the TAE Training Package updated?

The current version (V5.0) of the [TAE Training Package](#), endorsed by Skills Ministers on 18 November 2022, includes updated versions of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, the Diploma of Vocational Education and Training and a variety of new and/or updated Skill Sets and Units of Competency.

These training products have undergone extensive consultation with the VET sector to provide increased flexibility in the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment allowing tailored training pathways including 'stackable' skill sets to support incremental qualification completion and recognition of diverse pathways into the VET workforce.

For more information on the TAE training products, please see the TAE Version 5.0 [Companion Volume Implementation Guide](#).

Are the current TAE training products equivalent to the previous version?

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

The current Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40122) **supersedes and is equivalent to** the previous Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116).

Diploma of Vocational Education and Training

The current Diploma of Vocational Education and Training (TAE50122) merges two previous TAE Diploma qualifications – the Diploma of Vocational Education and Training (TAE50116) and the Diploma of Training Design and Development (TAE50216) and provides specialisation pathways in the qualification packaging rules. Due to the merging of qualifications, the Diploma (TAE50122) is deemed **not equivalent** to both previous Diplomas (TAE50116 and TAE50216).

Detailed mapping information related to all units, skills sets and qualifications can be found in the TAE Version 5.0 [Companion Volume Implementation Guide](#) (page 13) available on the National Training Register (training.gov.au).

Where can I find information on the Assessment Requirements and Elements, Performance Criteria and Foundation Skills specified in TAE units?

Information related to the content of current training products including units of competency and associated assessment requirements is available in the quality assured TAE Training and Education Training Package Version 5.0 [Companion Volume Implementation Guide](#).

This Guide was produced by the training package developer to accompany the latest version of the TAE Training Package and contains implementation guidance and advice to assist VET trainers, assessors, and Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in interpreting and understanding the requirements set out in the TAE training products.

Pedagogical issues are best handled by a VET consultant, senior trainers and assessors or through industry peak bodies and professional forums.

You may also direct training product content queries to the TAE/FSK Training Package TRG via email at TrainingProductQueries@dewr.gov.au.

What qualifications do I need to practise as a trainer and/or assessor?

The [2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations](#) (the 2025 Standards) set the requirements for VET trainers and assessors to deliver nationally recognised training. The 2025 Standards were agreed to by Skills Ministers and enabled as an instrument under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*.

Important changes under the 2025 Standards allow RTOs to engage people with a diploma or higher-level qualification in adult education or vocational education and training, as well as people with a range of skill sets within the TAE Training Package that can be used for delivery of training under supervision. Additionally, the 2025 Standards enable broader use of industry experts working alongside a trainer and/or assessor in the delivery of training and in the assessment judgement.

To determine what qualifications you need for delivering training and assessment, please refer to the [Credential Policy](#) available on the department's website at www.dewr.gov.au/standards-for-rtos.

I have a question that isn't answered here or in the embedded links in these FAQs. Who should I contact?

For questions regarding clarification of training product content, contact the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations: TrainingProductQueries@dewr.gov.au

For questions regarding regulatory requirements and compliance, or Accredited Courses, contact:

- [Australian Skills Quality Authority](#) (ASQA),
- the [Training Accreditation Council](#) (TAC) Western Australia, or
- the [Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority](#) (VRQA).