

Qualification Reform Design Group Update

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The Qualification Reform Design Group (Design Group) has started the task set for it by Skills Ministers to provide advice about the design of a reform process for vocational education and training (VET) qualifications which prepares the sector for the future.

While the design task needs to be informed through dialogue and engagement across the VET sector and beyond, the Design Group has spent its first two meetings examining the issues at stake and the work already undertaken on qualifications as part of Skills Reform.

Qualifications need to build on the strength of VET as a key driver of Australia's economic prosperity and the opportunities it provides for Australians of all backgrounds to prepare for work and life.

The changing nature of skills across the economy, new skill demands from employers, increasing labour mobility, and trends in student decision-making and employer satisfaction, set the scene for new approaches to some VET qualifications.

To consider these factors and to engage across the sector will take some time and require near and long-term changes to set the system in the right direction. This will entail close work with Jobs and Skills Councils and Jobs and Skills Australia.

Reform is likely to involve multiple phases of work, commencing with mapping the various purposes of VET qualifications and understanding from stakeholders how they are used.

The Design Group is committed to a collaborative approach to its work, building on the tripartite responsibilities for VET. To support this, the Design Group is developing its approach to engaging with key stakeholders for the coming months.