Please find below answers to some of the frequently asked questions in regards to the Version 5.0 Release of the TAE Training Package.

1. What training products have been updated in this release?

Version 5.0 includes new versions of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, the Diploma of Vocational Education and Training and a variety of skill sets.

The newly released TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment supersedes and is equivalent to the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

The newly released TAE50122 Diploma of Vocational Education and Training merges two previous TAE Diploma qualifications - the TAE50116 Diploma of Vocational Education and Training and the TAE50216 Diploma of Training Design and Development. Specialisation pathways are available in the new qualification as outlined in the packaging rules of the qualification. Due to the merging of qualifications, the new Diploma is deemed not equivalent to both previous Diplomas.

For more information please see the Case for Endorsement which can be downloaded via this page on our website [click the Training Product Development chevron and a link to download appears at the bottom of the page], and/or view the training products by visiting https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/TAE.

2. a) I previously held a Certificate IV qualification or skill set that allowed me to practice as a trainer and/or assessor in line with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015. Do I now need to complete the new qualification/skill set(s), or complete additional training to continue to practice as a trainer and/or assessor?

The Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015 (the Standards) specify the credentials required to deliver training and/or assessment at an RTO in Australia. The Standards indicate that certain qualifications or skill sets or their successors are required to meet the requirements of the Standards.

The new Certificate IV and skill sets that relate to the *Standards* have been deemed equivalent and successors to their previous versions. The new Diploma is not equivalent (due to the merging of qualifications) but has been deemed a successor to both previous Diplomas (TAE50116 and TAE50216). As the *Standards* are currently written, there is no requirement for holders of previous qualifications or skill sets specified as an accepted credential in the *Standards* to complete additional training to continue to meet the same requirements outlined in the *Standards*.

Please note that the *Standards* are currently being reviewed by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Please visit https://www.skillsreform.gov.au/reforms/guality-reforms/ for more information.

b) So, if I currently hold the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (commonly referred to as the "TAE 16") or the TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment plus two of the additionally required units from the TAE 16 (commonly referred to as the "TAE10 + 2"), do I need to upgrade?

No - as the *Standards* are currently written, there is <u>no requirement to complete additional</u> training to continue to meet the requirements outlined in the *Standards*.

c) If I currently hold the TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment *only* and do not have the 2 additional units; what are my options to meet the requirements to be a trainer and assessor per the Standards?

According to the Standards as currently written, you could either:

- i) complete two additional units of competency from the options specified in the Standards (to make the "TAE 10 + 2");
- ii) complete the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment within the teach-out/transition period; or
- iii) complete the new TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

For the options above there may be credit transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) options available - please speak to your training provider.

3. Will the usual one year teach-out/transition period apply to the superseded TAE training products?

The Education Industry Reference Committee (IRC), Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC), and Skills Ministers have agreed that an extended transition period of two years would be preferable to support industry and learners with the transition.

The transition period will ultimately be determined and confirmed by the regulators. For more information please see the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) <u>website</u>.

4. I have a question that isn't answered here or on the other linked pages. Who should I contact?

If your question is in regard to clarification of training product wording or content, please contact PwC's Skills for Australia via info@skillsforaustralia.com.

If your question is in regard to regulatory requirements and compliance, please direct your question to the <u>Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)</u>, the <u>Training Accreditation Council</u> (TAC) Western Australia, or the <u>Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority</u> (VRQA).

If your question is in regard to the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)* please direct your question to the <u>Skills Reform</u> team within the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

5. The system transfers to the new Industry Clusters as of 31 December 2022 - who do I direct my training product related queries to after this date?

After 31 December 2022, queries should be directed to the <u>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</u> or the identified Industry Cluster responsible for the TAE Training Package.