

ASQA

Revised Standards Assessment Pilot Program

The Assessment Pilot Program

ASQA is undertaking an assessment pilot during April 2025 to test our proposed assessment approach with providers and ASQA staff. The pilot will also test out our Practice Guides prepared to support the sector's readiness as well as testing a variety of our regulatory activities, including performance assessments, renewal of registration, change of scope applications, internal review arrangements and market entry application processes.

Purpose

The Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) ensure nationally consistent, high-quality training and assessment across Australia's VET system.

To support implementation of the revised Standards, ASQA have developed a significant program of work to ensure the sector, and our staff are prepared.

This includes revising the assessment methodology to support the revised Standards, along with guidance, tools and resources for assessors and providers.

A pilot will be undertaken with staff and providers to assess and identify:

 How revised assessment methodology works in practice with providers, applying the revised Standards

- Potential challenges and improvements that may arise from implementation of the revised assessment methodology
- How Practice Guides support provider preparedness
- Whether further support is required for providers to understand the revised assessment methodology

Provider sample

When selecting provider participants to support the pilot, ASQA sought participants able to meet multiple provider characteristics - this allows for testing with a broad range of providers. Consideration was given to a provider's scope of registration, size, location and typical student cohorts.

Pilot outcomes

ASQA will share the broad learnings of the pilot with the sector. The outcomes will inform the final assessment methodology and quidance, tools and materials.

Engagement with the sector

ASQA is committed to developing resources that support the VET sector to implement the revised Standards. Consultation has been, and will continue to be, an integral part of the development of resources for the revised Standards.

All providers, including those who are not part of the pilot, will have plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Providers are encouraged to regularly review the ASQA website and subscribe to social media platforms for updates.

Pilot Timeframe



December 2024

Pilot project commenced



December 2024

Providers invited to register their interest in participating in the pilot



December 2024 - March 2025

Design of revised assessment methodology, guidance and tools, and planning for pilot assessments



March 2025

Pre-pilot provider survey and group briefing



April 2025

Conduct pilot assessments



April 2025

Post-pilot provider survey, feedback and evaluation



May 2025

Finalised assessment methodology, guidance and tools

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