

2017–18 Annual VET Investment Plan Market Performance Review

What is the VET Investment Plan?

The [2017–18 Annual VET Investment Plan](#) (the Plan) details the Queensland Government's \$768.9 million investment in vocational education and training (VET). The Plan:

- supports demand-driven funding arrangements across a number of program areas
- provides support for disadvantaged learners and other priority student cohorts
- provides a significant contribution to public providers to enable them to operate in a competitive VET market.

What is the project?

As outlined in the [Queensland VET Quality Framework](#), market performance and oversight is an integral part of the continuous improvement of Queensland's VET sector.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) reviews the performance of the VET market through a range of processes, including reporting and analysis, performance reviews and investigations.

In 2017–18, DET will undertake performance reviews of key industry areas, and will consult with industry, employers, pre-qualified suppliers (PQS) and other stakeholders to determine the outcomes achieved through investment in these areas.

What industry areas are targeted?

The industry areas and qualifications that are being reviewed in 2017–18 are:

Agriculture:

- AHC32816 Certificate III in Rural Operations (including Certificate II)

Construction:

- CPC40110 Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building)

Early Childhood:

- CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

Infrastructure:

- RII20115 Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- RII30815 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- RII30915 Certificate III in Civil Construction

Resources:

- RII30115 Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations

Transport:

- TLI31216 Certificate III in Driving Operations

Why are these areas targeted?

These qualifications have been targeted for review as they were identified as high risk by DET based on industry or regulator feedback, market trends or PQS compliance history.

Market trends that may contribute to an assessment by DET as high risk include:

- short course duration
- relatively low co-contribution fees
- high recognition of prior learning (RPL)
- relatively high complaint levels
- high growth in students and investment through a small number of PQS.

In addition to being targeted for review, these qualifications have been added to the "[Restricted qualifications](#)" list, which means that DET will not consider PQS applications for these qualifications.

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What is the Review process?

The 2017–18 performance reviews will consider investment trends, and feedback from key stakeholders received through direct or regional consultations, or written submissions.

DET plans to consult with stakeholders from October 2017 to February 2018, through the following processes.

Agriculture, Resources and Transport:

- direct contact with government agencies, peak industry bodies and unions
- regional industry forums to be held in DET's Far North Queensland, North Queensland, Central Queensland and Darling Downs South West regions
- South-East Queensland (SEQ) employer forum
- regional and SEQ forums for PQS (separate to employer forums).

Construction and Infrastructure:

- direct contact with government agencies, peak industry bodies and unions
- industry forums, held in partnership with Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ)
- PQS forums, held in partnership with CSQ.

Early Childhood:

- direct contact with government agencies, peak industry bodies and unions
- industry and PQS forums.

Written submissions from stakeholders will also be considered as part of the Review.

The Queensland Training Ombudsman has agreed to lead industry and employer consultations. Written submissions can be lodged directly with the Queensland Training Ombudsman at:

Email: info@trainingombudsman.qld.gov.au

Post: PO Box 15090, City East Qld 4002

What advice is DET seeking?

As a result of participating in subsidised training under the Plan, DET expects students will complete a vocational qualification, and transition to the workforce or advance in their chosen career.

DET is seeking feedback from key stakeholders such as industry, employers and PQS to identify if these objectives for government investment are being achieved in these qualification areas.

Specifically, stakeholders will be encouraged to provide feedback on:

- awareness of government VET investment
- support for PQS operating in the region
- involvement of employers in training delivery
- employability of graduates
- perceived quality of training delivery.

What are the Review's timelines?

DET plans to finalise the 2017–18 performance reviews by April 2018 to inform the *2018–19 Annual VET Investment Plan*.

Submissions can be provided to the Queensland Training Ombudsman up to 31 January 2018.

More information

For more information on the 2017–18 Market Performance Review, please email Correspondence.SIMS@det.qld.gov.au.

To lodge written submissions, please email info@trainingombudsman.qld.gov.au.

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