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Boosting trainers' skills to improve the quality of VET

The quality of training delivered in the vocational education and training system is set to be boosted, following implementation of recommendations by the Australian Industry and Skills Committee to improve training requirements for trainers and assessors.

Chair of the AISC, John Pollaers, today welcomed the announcement by the Australian Government of new credential requirements for VET trainers and assessors, which were recommended by the AISC when the updated Training and Education training package was released in April 2016.

"The quality of training received by VET students is of major importance for employers – employers need to be assured that their workforce is well-trained and has the necessary skills," Prof Pollaers said.

"These changes will ensure that the people training and assessing VET students have the right skills and knowledge to design and develop assessment tools, as well as crucial adult language, literacy and numeracy skills."

The changes relate to the core competencies of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, which practitioners need to hold to teach in the VET system. Practitioners will need to meet these new credential requirements by April 2019.

The Education Industry Reference Committee is scheduled to do a full review of the Training and Education training package in 2018-19.

The AISC is an industry/government collaboration focussed in simplifying and demystifying the Vet system, amplifying the voice of industry and building employers' confidence in VET qualifications. The AISC advises Commonwealth and State Industry and Skills Ministers on the implementation of national vocational education and training policies and approves nationally recognised training packages for implementation in the VET system.

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