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The AI governance questions ASQA now expects every VET provider to answer

ASQA's new *Principles for the Responsible Use of AI in VET* put responsible AI use firmly on the governance agenda.

Our 2026 AI and Innovation Benchmark shows why this matters: AI adoption is accelerating across VET, while governance is still catching up.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

95%
of education organisations are exploring or using AI

34%
have a documented AI use policy

30%
have a responsible AI framework

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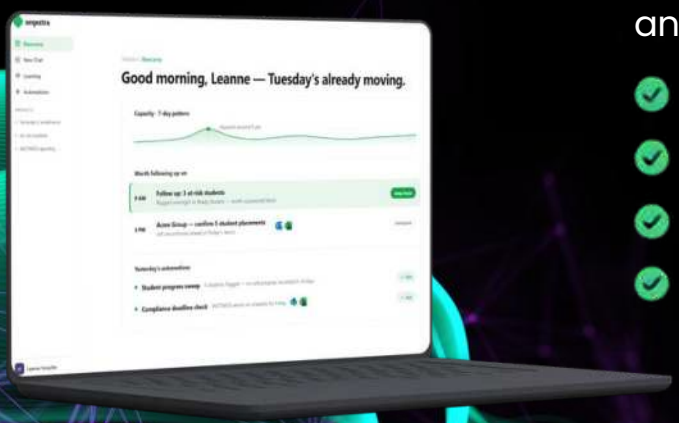
AI built for VET



Governance by design

Orqestra connects intelligence across your systems to deliver trusted, auditable answers in minutes, not days.

- Built-in governance and human oversight
- Data sovereignty and security by design
- ISO/IEC 42001 and ISO/IEC 27001 certified
- Visibility and control with a central AI command centre

THE SKILLS SA INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP:

What could you learn if you had the opportunity to step outside Australia and see how the world is doing things differently?

South Australian VET and ACE practitioners are invited to apply for the new Skills SA international Research Fellowship. This is an exciting opportunity to travel overseas and explore innovative best practice, and bring new ideas, skills and knowledge back to South Australia.

In 2026, six Fellowships valued at $15,000 each will be awarded to South Australian VET and ACE professionals to undertake international applied research in an area that can help address skills gaps and strengthen training to drive innovation across the sector. *The Fellowships are delivered by Skills SA in partnership with the International Specialised Skills Institute (ISS Institute) and form a part of the South Australian Government's $10 million Strengthening the VET Workforce investment*.

This is your chance to investigate what's happening at the forefront of your field. Whether that means exploring new teaching techniques and uncovering new approaches to learner support and industry engagement, you'll be among the first in Australia to bring back development tools and resources that could transform VET training in South Australia.

Successful Fellows will generally spend about 2 - 4 weeks overseas, gaining hands-on experience and connecting with international organisations, educators and industry leaders. You'll receive ongoing support throughout the Fellowship including coaching, research guidance, travel planning and assistance in sharing and disseminating your findings throughout the sector.

This is more than a PD opportunity, it is a chance to turn your curiosity into action, and to discover new possibilities while challenging the current teaching models. You'll return with ideas and research that can make a real difference to learners, educators and the industry across Australia.

Applications open: 17th of August and close on the 5th of October 2026.

Submit an application to be a part of the way we shape VET and ACE training for future generations.

Click here for more information

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LIFE AT 25: NEW DATA REVEALS A CHANGING PICTURE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Young Australians remain strongly engaged in work and study, but new data shows that life at 25 looks markedly different from a decade ago, with greater financial pressure, changing employment patterns and traditional milestones of independence occurring later.

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) has released a new infographic Generation Z: navigating life at 25, the final major publication from the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY). It compares the experiences of 25-year-olds in 2013, 2019 and 2025 across work, study, financial security, wellbeing and life milestones.

Employment remains high, with around nine in ten 25-year-olds working across all three cohorts. However, the nature of that employment has shifted. The proportion working full-time fell from 75% in 2013 to 65% in 2025, while underemployment increased.

The broader picture also points to growing pressure on young adults. Financial stress more than doubled over the period, while high levels of psychological distress also rose significantly. More 25-year-olds were living with their parents in 2025 than in 2013, suggesting that financial independence and other traditional milestones are taking longer to achieve.

The findings also highlight differences across qualification pathways. Permanent employment increased among those whose highest qualification was an apprenticeship or traineeship, and among university graduates, while it declined for those with other VET qualifications.

For the VET sector, the findings provide useful context about the circumstances in which today's learners are studying, working and transitioning into adult life. They reinforce the importance of understanding employment outcomes alongside the broader financial, wellbeing and life pressures that may influence learner participation, progression and career decision-making.

The publication marks the culmination of 30 years of LSAY research, which has followed more than 60,000 young Australians as they moved from school into further education, training, employment and adult life.

Click here to explore the full Generation Z: navigating life at 25 infographic

NCVER media release

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

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TRAINING & ASSESSMENT PRACTICES THAT CREATE RISK | 10 SEPTEMBER

What are the **key issues** that might be contributing to assessment **risk and non-compliance**?

In this session, unpack five foundational considerations for quality and compliant practice.

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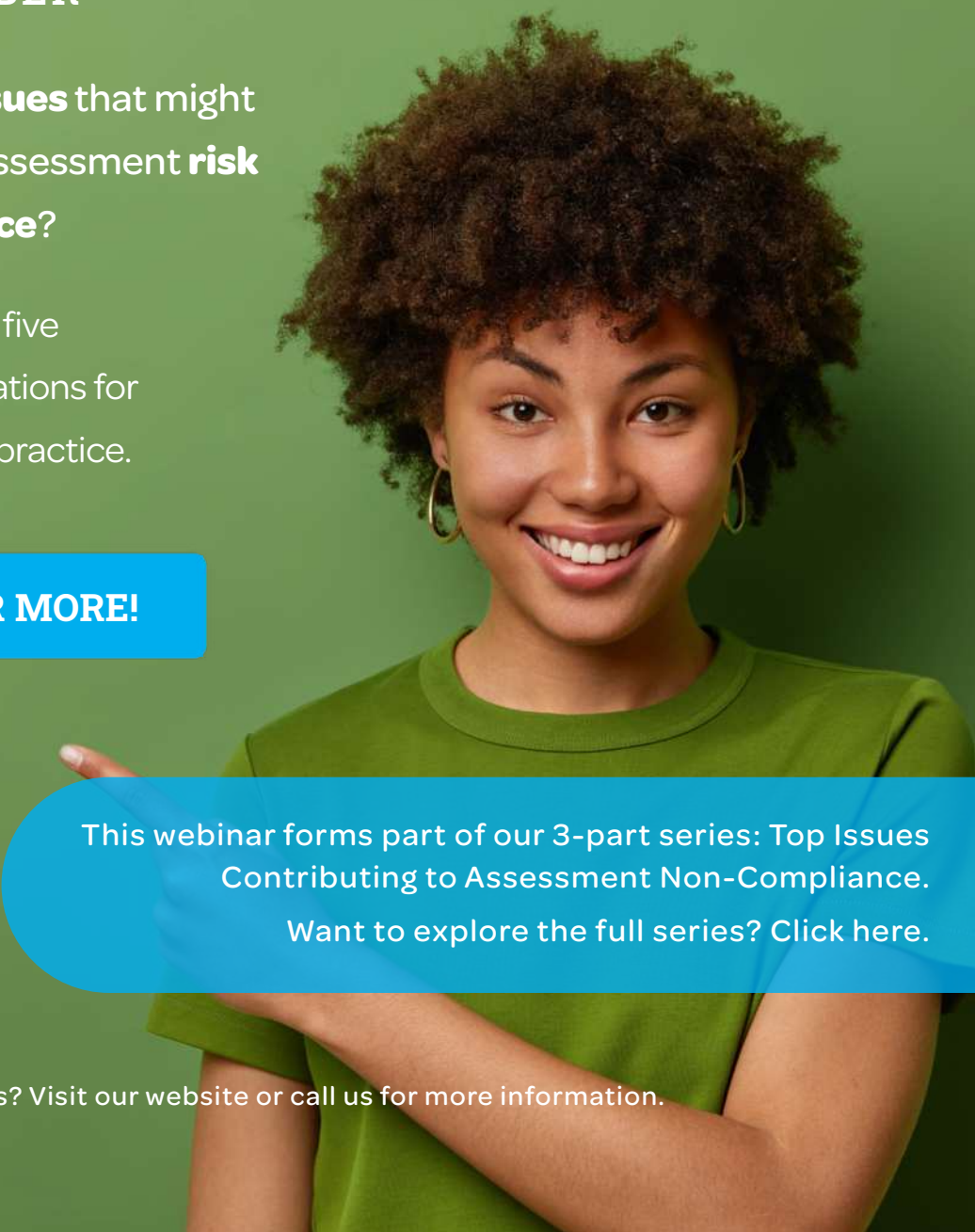

This webinar forms part of our 3-part series: Top Issues Contributing to Assessment Non-Compliance.

Want to explore the full series? Click here.

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CATCH THIS WEBINAR

COGNITIVE ARCHITECTURE: CHUNKING, SCAFFOLDING AND SEQUENCING VET COMPETENCIES | 9 SEPTEMBER

> When complex VET content becomes overwhelming, even motivated learners can struggle.

Discover how cognitive load theory can help you chunk, scaffold and sequence learning more effectively, turning intimidating content into manageable steps that build confidence and support stronger outcomes.

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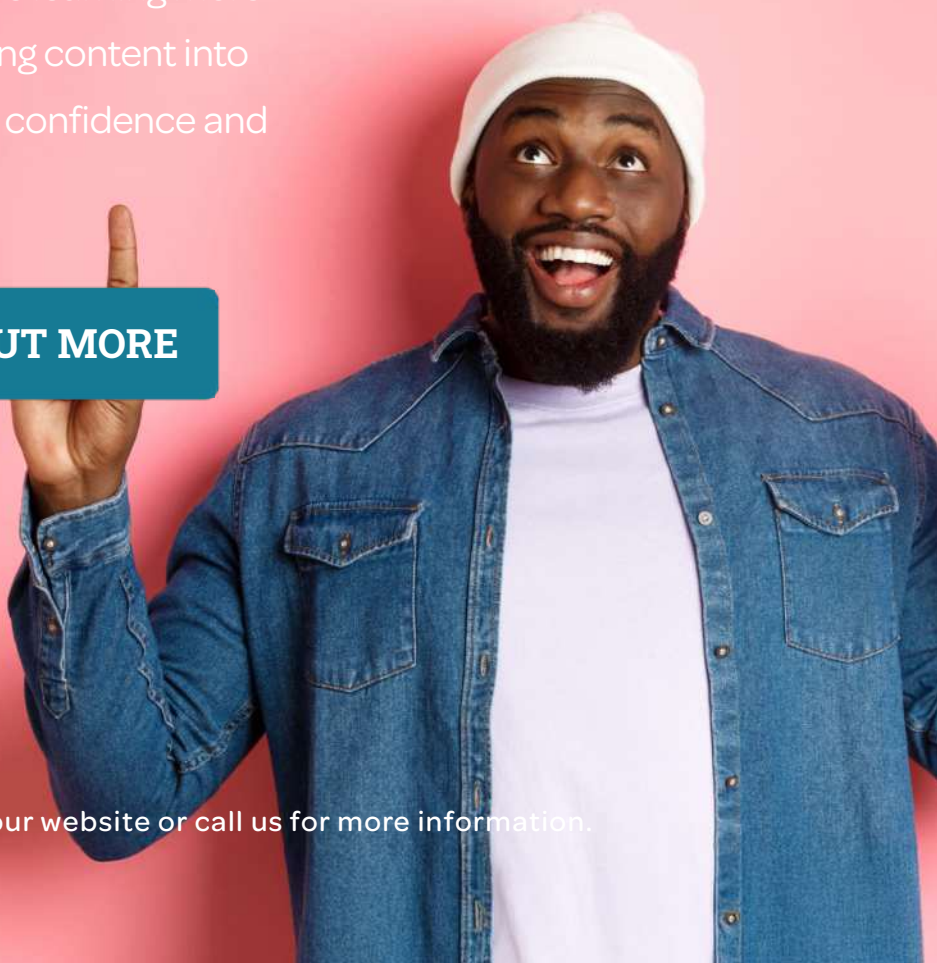

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GET INVOLVED IN THE INAUGURAL JOBS AND SKILLS MONTH

Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) is inviting organisations across the country to get involved in the inaugural Jobs and Skills Month, running from **20 October to 20 November 2026**.

The national, not-for-profit initiative will bring organisations together to highlight the pathways and opportunities available across education, training and employment. Events and activities will showcase skills and training pathways, workforce opportunities and the connections that support people throughout their learning and working lives.

The theme for 2026, **Pathways to success**, recognises the diverse ways Australians develop their skills, build their capabilities and succeed at work, with a focus on making these pathways clearer and more accessible.

For VET providers, Jobs and Skills Month presents an opportunity to showcase the role training plays in creating those pathways. RTOs can host their own activities, contribute to the broader conversation or participate in events being held by other organisations across the country.

Activities throughout the month may include career events, training showcases, webinars, panels, briefings, data releases and local events, providing plenty of scope for organisations to participate in ways that suit their audience and community.

JSA is encouraging organisations to celebrate, recognise, discuss and showcase their work throughout the month. Resources are also available to help organisations promote their involvement, with events and activities continuing to be added to the Jobs and Skills Month website.

Whether you're planning to host an activity, attend an event or simply explore what's happening across the jobs and skills landscape, the initiative provides a new opportunity to connect with the people and organisations shaping pathways to learning and work.

To find out more about Jobs and Skills Month and how to get involved, click here.

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JOBS AND SKILLS COUNCILS & TRAINING PACKAGE NEWS

Australian Government | Jobs and Skills Australia

News Updates:

- Australian Jobs 2026
- Australian Labour Market for Migrants - July 2026
- Internet Vacancy Index Report
- Jobs and Skills Month
- New Insights paper explores employer investment in learning
- OSCA Occupations
- Regional Labour Market Indicator
- Read more on the JSA's LinkedIn

FSO FUTURE SKILLS ORGANISATION Finance Technology Business

News Updates:

- FSO Activate Training Edition – August 2026
- FSO and Mexico's Institute for the Future of Education sign MOU on AI workforce skills research
- National AI Skills Forum: building the AI capability to unlock a $116 billion opportunity
- New Workforce Intelligence Platform
- Read more on the FSO's LinkedIn

Industry Skills Australia

News Updates:

- Digital Skills
- Digital Skills Expression of Interest - Transport & Logistics
- Growing Equity in Maritime Leadership
- ISA 2026 Roadshows
- ISA Strengthens Industry Connections in Far North Queensland
- Marine Order 505 Implementation – Completed
- Rail Workforce Planning in Focus During Arc Infrastructure Site Visit
- Rail Fundamentals (Pre-Vocational)
- Review of Dangerous Goods Driver Training
- Stevedoring Workforce Analysis and Future Transformation Support
- Read more on Industry Skills' LinkedIn

BuildSkills Australia

News Updates:

- Home energy efficiency and sustainability
- Fencing and Gate Industry
- Project Manager – Remote
- Residential Construction Mobility Study
- VET Workforce Study
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) Product Developer – Remote
- Read more on BuildSkills' LinkedIn

HumanAbility

News Updates:

- Aged Care, Disability, Leisure and Health Qualification Review
- Building Skills for Stronger Communities
- Earn While You Learn
- HLT Health Services Assistance Qualification Review
- HumanAbility Newsletter – 8 July 2026
- Read more on HumanAbility's LinkedIn

Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance

News Updates:

- Best Practice Case Studies – Moxon Industries
- Diversity & Inclusion Toolkit
- Industry Engagement Partner
- Manufacturing Matters – July 2026
- Manufacturing Workforce Plan 2025
- Read more on MISA's LinkedIn

PUBLIC SKILLS AUSTRALIA

News Updates:

- Correctional Services Training Implementation (Phase 2)
- Local Government Skills Audit
- Public Skills Australia – Workforce Insights Reports
- VET Workforce Study – Public Safety and Government industry-sectors
- Read more on Public Skills' LinkedIn

Skills Insight

News Updates:

- Flock Safe Project completed
- Help shape future qualifications for the meat industry
- New Meat Processing Pathways Project underway
- New Specialist Skills in Glass and Glazing Project underway
- Specialist Skills for Glass and Glazing
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Skills Mapping Project
- Textile Flooring Manufacturing Pathway
- Read more on Skills Insight's LinkedIn

Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance

News Updates:

- Critical Control Management for Mine Site Supervisors and Managers
- EV Skills Mapping Webinar
- First Nations – Recommendations for culturally safe training and assessment
- Member Spotlight August 2026: Motor Trade Association of Western Australia
- Mining Matters Webinars
- Qualifying the qualifiers – VET trainer preparation and industry needs
- Strategic Plan 2026-28
- The Journey Newsletter - August 2026
- Read more on AUSMASA's LinkedIn

Powering Skills Organisation Ltd

News Updates:

- Electrician Workforce Capacity Study
- Energise Newsletter – June Edition 2026
- Foundation for Energy: Literacy and Numeracy for Energy Jobs
- PSO – Insights Update July 2026
- High Load, Short Supply
- V2X Accreditation – Vehicle to Everything
- Read more on Powering Skills' LinkedIn

SaCSA Service and Creative Skills Australia

News Updates:

- EOI: Call for Participants in the Arts and Creative Industries - Share Your Journey
- Funeral Sector Skills and Capability Review
- Shaping Creative Futures: Designing a Framework for Creative
- The Latest – July 2026
- Update of Beauty Qualifications
- Update of Travel and Tourism Qualifications
- Read more on SACSA's LinkedIn

UPDATES FROM THE REGULATORS

Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

News Updates:

- ASQA and TEQSA sign MOU focused on more efficient quality for dual sector providers
- ASQA IQ – 25 August 2026
- ASQA Update – 23 February 2026
- Data Provision Requirements amendments
- Principles for the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in VET released
- Read more on the ASQA LinkedIn

Training Accreditation Council (TAC)

News Updates:

- Focus on Quality Article – Using Feedback to Drive Continuous Improvement
- RTO Reporting Requirements – 10 June 2026
- TAC Education Program – Focus on Quality Article: Assessment in the Workplace
- TAC Update – Issue 120 – July 2026
- Read more on TAC LinkedIn

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)

News Updates:

- Academic integrity toolkit
- Cyber security e-learning modules
- Higher Education Standards Framework Amendment (Threshold Standards) Instrument 2026
- TEQSA eNews – July 2026
- TEQSA Talks webinar
- Read more on the TEQSA LinkedIn

Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA)

News Updates:

- New standards for RTOs are here
- VRQA e-News – 19 August 2026
- Your feedback on the school guidelines
- Read more on the VRQA LinkedIn

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YOUR VET NEWSLETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS

- AITSL Mail – 24 August 2026
- AITSL Mail - 17 August 2026
- ASQA IQ - August 2026
- ASQA Update – 23 February 2026
- Australian Industry Group – Newsletter – Edition 50 – 23 July 2026
- Community Education Australia – August 2026
- FSO Activate Training Edition – August 2026
- FSO Future Skills News - 24 August 2026
- HumanAbility Newsletter – 8 July 2026
- Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth – August 2026
- Manufacturing Matters – July 2026
- Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance - The Journey - August 2026
- Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance - The Journey Special Project Edition - August 2026
- National AI Centre – 11 August 2026
- National AI Centre – Issue 27 – 21 August 2026
- NCVER News – Edition #635 – 26 August 2026
- Powering Skills Australia = Engergise Newsletter – June 2026
- Service and Creative Sills Australia – The Latest – July 2026
- SkillsAware Newsletter – 22 July 2026
- TAC Update – Issue 120 – July 2026
- TAFE Directors Australia News – 24 August 2026
- TAFE Directors Australia News – 17 August 2026
- TEQSA eNews – 31 July 2026
- VDC News - Edition 11 - 15 July 2026

PUBLICATIONS

- Australia's artificial intelligence ecosystem: growth and opportunities
- Australian Research Council strategy: 2026–2035
- Electrician Workforce Capacity Study
- Enhancing Professional Practice in Australian Higher Education Teaching
- Explore Australia's data on women and diverse people in STEM
- Higher Education Digest – July 2026
- Jobs and Skills Australia – Internet Vacancy Index Report
- Joint Construction Industry Charter
- Insights into implementation in schools in 2026
- Measuring employer investments in learning
- Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance – Strategic Plan 2026-28
- Regional Labour Market Indicator
- Rewriting the Curriculum: A Systematic Review of Generative AI-Driven Pedagogical Change and Emerging Systems of Learning in Higher Education
- Statement of Regulatory Expectations
- When AI agents interact new research from the Australian AI Safety Institute
- Young people, learning, and generative AI

AI NEWS AND TOOLS

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MEET THE VOICES FORGING VET'S FUTURE

The **#2026NVC** creates valuable opportunities to explore the latest in VET, and connect with the bodies helping to shape and regulate the sector.

Across both days you'll hear from ASQA, DEWR and Jobs and Skills Councils in sessions that explore current regulatory, government and sector developments. You'll also hear from ASQA CEO Saxon Rice in the annual ASQA Update.

Plus, there's opportunities to ask questions and connect face-to-face with government and the regulator in the exhibition hall!

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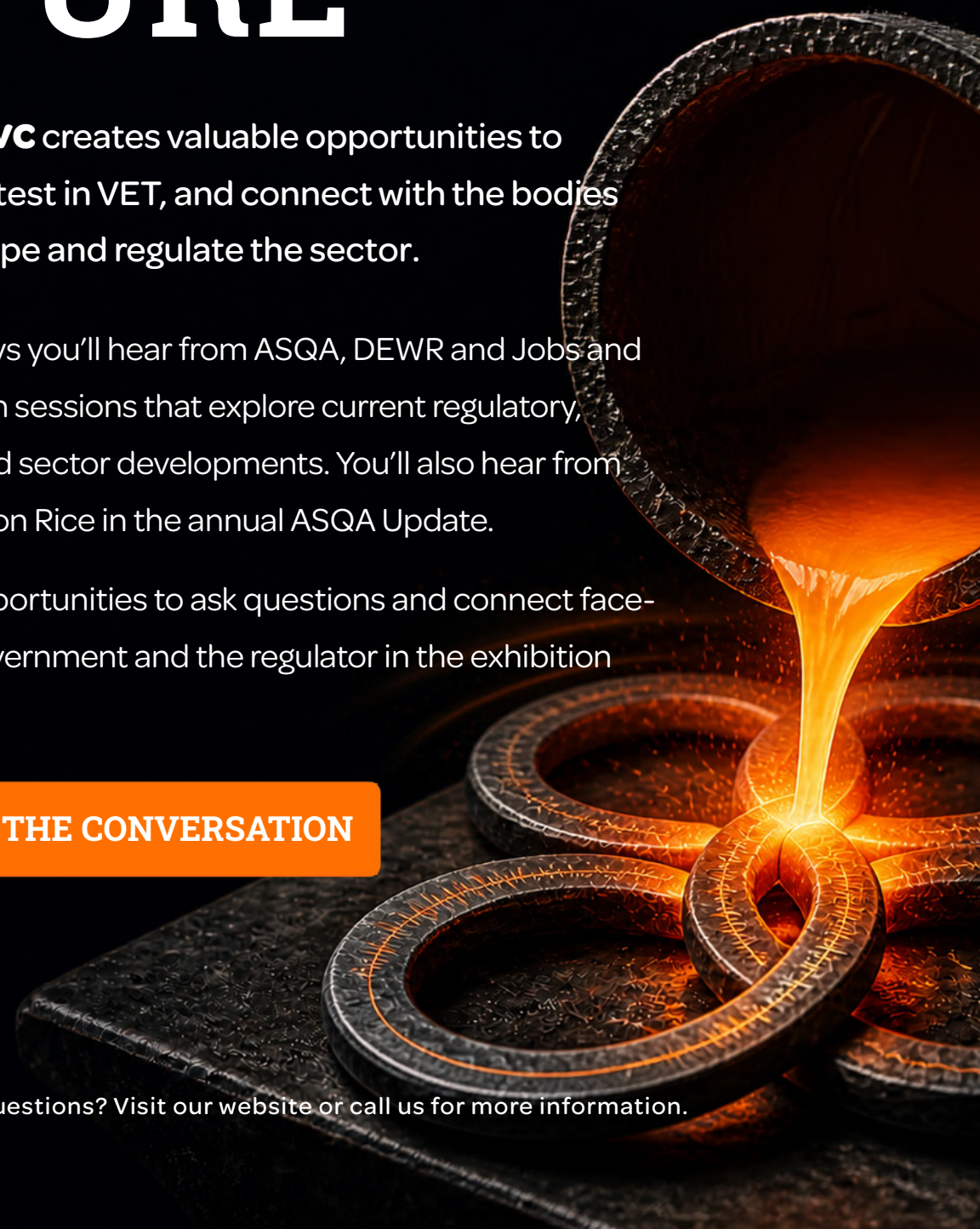

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