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NATIONAL SKILLS MINISTERS SET PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF VET REFORM

Federal, state and territory Skills Ministers have met to progress a range of national priorities across the VET and skills system.

At the September meeting of the Skills and Workforce Ministerial Council, Ministers considered work underway through the National Skills Agreement and several areas shaping the future direction of VET.

Tertiary harmonisation was among the issues discussed, with Ministers providing input into the Australian Tertiary Education Commission's developing Tertiary Roadmap and National Credit Recognition Framework.

Ministers encouraged further exploration of opportunities to strengthen alignment between VET and higher education, including improved credit transfer arrangements and greater alignment of funding and regulatory settings.

The Council also considered *The Next Level: Realising the Potential of Apprenticeships Aligned to AQF Level 5 to 8 Qualifications*. The report explores opportunities for apprenticeships and traineeships aligned to higher-level qualifications and will be published by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Apprenticeship participation, retention and completion also featured, with Ministers discussing initiatives underway across jurisdictions and opportunities to share emerging practice.

Ministers received an update on the National TAFE Network and its 2026 Annual Workplan. Projects underway include pre-commencement micro-skill modules for apprentices, Earn While You Learn pathways in ICT and engineering, resources for learners with disability, and learning products that can be shared across jurisdictions.

The Council also considered ongoing stewardship of the National Skills Agreement. Ministers from participating jurisdictions endorsed the First Year Work Plan of the VET Policy Partnership, outlining actions and focus areas to support implementation of the Agreement and Closing the Gap outcomes.

To read the full Skills and Workforce Ministerial Council Communiqué, [click here](#).



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NEW RELEASE

CATCH UP ON THE LATEST FROM ASQA

ASQA has released its September 2026 Update, bringing together a number of current regulatory developments and reminders for RTOs.

This edition includes a reminder about provider obligations to notify ASQA of material changes, including changes that may affect an RTO's ability to comply with the 2025 Standards.

It also provides updates on ASQA's recently released Principles for the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in VET, its 2026–27 Corporate Plan, and a new Letter of Intent with India's National Council for Vocational Education and Training.

For a quick catch-up on the latest information from the national VET regulator, read the September ASQA Update.

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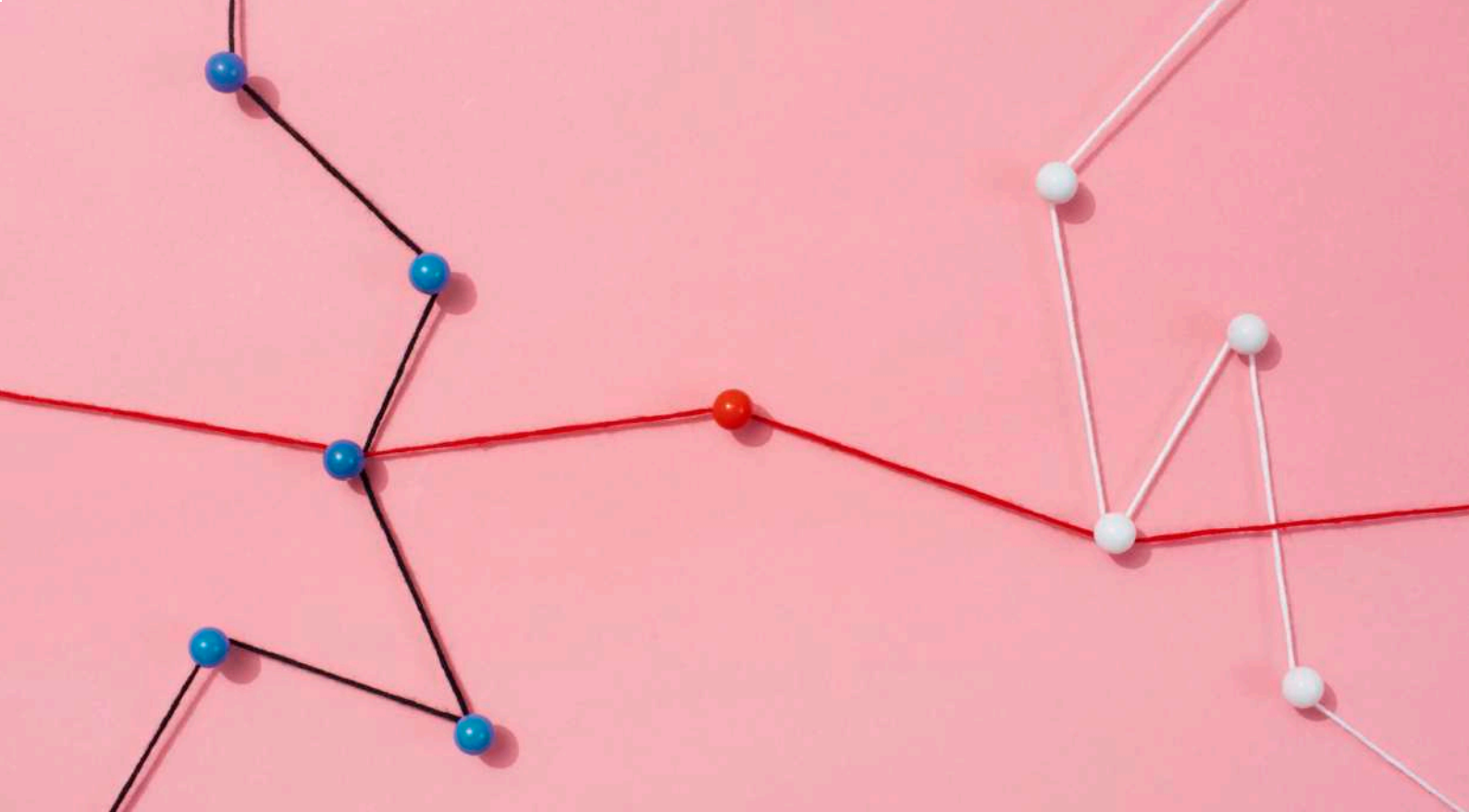
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FROM AVETMISS TO THE VET INFORMATION STANDARD: WHAT RTOS CAN DO NOW

The VET Information Standard has reached an important milestone, with the new reporting environment now live from 1 October 2026.

But that doesn't mean every RTO switches to the new arrangements today.

NCVER's new Student Training Activity Reporting System (STARS) is now available to support reporting under the VET Information Standard. However, RTOs will generally interact with STARS through their Student Management System (SMS), meaning their SMS must be ready to support the new reporting arrangements before they can transition.

Transition will therefore happen progressively.

For RTOs that report through a State or Territory Training Authority, timing will depend on arrangements advised by the relevant jurisdiction. Other eligible RTOs can transition once their SMS is ready and their own transition requirements have been completed. All RTOs must ultimately transition to the VET Information Standard by 1 January 2029.

For many providers, one of the most practical steps now is to speak with their SMS provider about its readiness for the new Standard and when it expects to support transition.

RTOs can also use this time to understand their transition pathway, review the differences between AVETMISS and the VET Information Standard, check whether current enrolment and data collection processes capture the required information, and prepare for their final AVETMISS reporting obligations.

NCVER has developed a range of resources explaining what is changing, how to determine an [RTO's transition pathway](#) and what to consider when [preparing for the move](#).

To explore the VET Information Standard and transition resources, click [here](#).



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- [National Skills Agreement Outcomes Framework Balanced Scorecard Baseline Report](#)
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- [Auslan, Interpreting and Translating Qualification Review \(Phase 2\)](#)
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- [Public Skills Australia – Workforce Insights Reports](#)
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- [New entrants as sewing machinists](#)
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- [Member Spotlight September 2026: Automotive Training Board NSW](#)
- [Review of Drilling Operations Qualifications](#)
- [Strategic Plan 2026-28](#)
- [The Journey](#) – September 2026
- [Training practices in transition: Current delivery models in the Australian Mining industry](#)
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Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)

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- [Consultation Paper: Statement of Regulatory Expectations: Adopting a definition of Islamophobia](#)
- [Reporting a suspected academic cheating service form](#)
- [TEQSA 2026 Annual Conference](#)
- [TEQSA Talks webinar](#) - 8 October 2026
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Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA)

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- [New standards for RTOs are here](#)
- [VRQA e-News](#) – 19 August 2026
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- [ASQA IQ](#) - 25 August 2026
- [ASQA Update](#) - 25 August 2026
- [Australian Industry Group – Newsletter – Edition 51](#) - 27 August 2026
- [Community Education Australia](#) - September 2026
- [FSO Future Skills News](#) - 28 August 2026
- [HumanAbility Newsletter](#) - October 2026
- [ILP – L&D Insights](#) - 9 September 2026
- [Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance – The Journey](#) - September 2026
- [National AI Centre – Issue 30](#) - 1 October 2026
- [NCVER Data Bulletin](#)
- [NCVER News – Edition #636](#) - 9 September 2026
- [Powering Skills Australia = Engergise Newsletter](#) - June 2026
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- [SkillsAware Newsletter](#) - 3 September 2026
- [TAC Update – Issue 122](#) - September 2026
- [TAFE Directors Australia](#) - 5 October 2026
- [TAFE Directors Australia](#) - 28 September 2026
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- [ATEC Statement of Strategic Priorities](#)
- [Education at a glance 2026](#)
- [Employment outcomes for Victorian TAFE learners](#)
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- [Jobs and Skills Australia – Vacancy Report](#) - August 2026
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