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QUALITY INDICATOR SURVEYS SET FOR A REFRESH – HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the Quality Indicator Student Survey and Quality Indicator Employer Survey.

The surveys have long been used by RTOs to collect student and employer feedback and support continuous improvement. RTOs are also required to collect and report this information as part of nationally agreed quality indicator arrangements.

The proposed refresh aims to ensure the surveys remain useful and fit for purpose in today's VET environment.

Draft questions have been developed with a focus on aligning more closely with the quality areas and performance indicators in the 2025

Standards for RTOs, while also reducing survey length, improving accessibility and ensuring each question serves a clear information need.

The department is seeking feedback on how the current surveys are administered, how the information collected is used, and the usefulness of the proposed revised questions.

RTOs and other interested stakeholders can review the draft [Student Survey](#) and [Employer Survey](#) and provide feedback before **11:59 pm AEDT on 22 October 2026**.

To view the draft surveys and have your say, [click here](#).



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ASQA CALLS ON ALL REGULATED PROVIDERS TO COMPLETE OFFSHORE DELIVERY CENSUS

ASQA's Offshore Delivery Census is now open, and **all ASQA-regulated providers are required to participate.**

This applies whether or not an RTO currently delivers training offshore. Providers with no offshore delivery activity must still complete the census and submit a nil return.

The census supports new offshore delivery reporting requirements that commenced on **1 October 2026** under the amended *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Provision Requirements) Instrument 2020*. It will also establish a sector-wide baseline of offshore delivery activity to support ASQA's regulatory work.

The census collects information about offshore delivery locations, training products delivered offshore, and training and assessment arrangements. For this purpose, offshore delivery includes training

or assessment provided to students located outside Australia, including online delivery and delivery through third parties.

A unique link to the census was emailed to provider CEOs on **13 October 2026**, with submissions due by **8 November 2026**.

ASQA advises that failure to submit the census may result in follow-up regulatory activity.

Providers that have not received the census email should check the CEO's spam or junk folder, confirm that CEO contact details on training.gov.au are current, and contact ASQA if assistance is required.

To find out more about the Offshore Delivery Census and ASQA's Data Provision Requirements, [click here](#).



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WE'RE HEADING TO #2026NVC!

NATIONAL VET CONFERENCE | 29–30 OCTOBER

The National VET Conference is happening next week, and we can't wait to see you there!

The Velg Training team will be out of the office from Wednesday, 28 October, returning Monday, 2 November, as we join Australia's VET community on the Gold Coast to Forge a Trusted Future.

Haven't booked your place yet?
There's still time to be part of two days of learning, connection and inspiration. We hope to see you there!

GRAB YOUR TICKET!

Please note: Our next eNews publication will be on 19 November. We look forward to connecting with you then!



Questions? Visit our website or call us for more information.





UPCOMING WEBINAR

CATCH THIS WEBINAR!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: STUDENT SUPPORT IN VET | 2 DECEMBER

Supporting VET students takes more than one person, it takes a village!

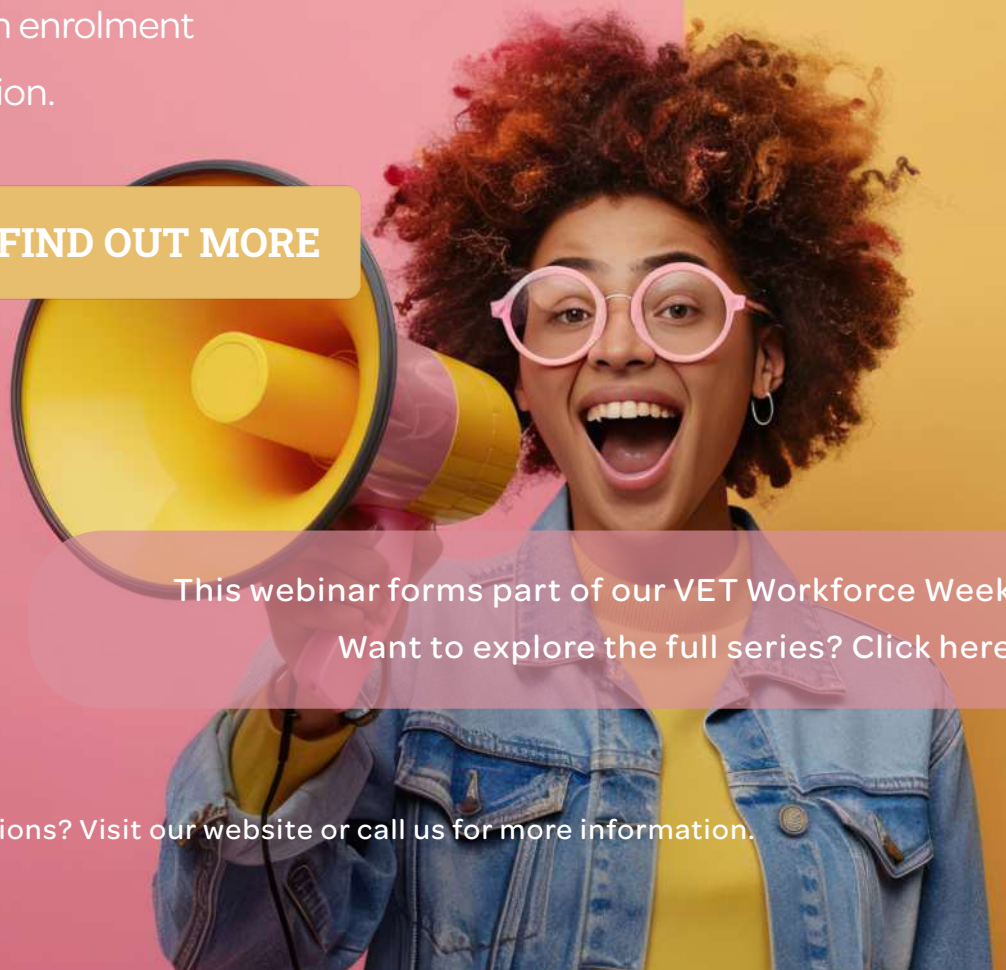
Discover how every RTO staff member can help create a positive, supportive learner journey from enrolment through to completion.

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This webinar forms part of our VET Workforce Week.
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WHAT DOES AUSTRALIA'S CHANGING LABOUR MARKET MEAN FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING?

Jobs and Skills Australia has released its [Pathways to Success: Jobs and Skills Report 2026](#), bringing together evidence on the forces shaping Australia's labour market and future skills needs.

The report finds Australia enters this period of change from a relatively strong position, with workforce participation near record highs and unemployment remaining at or below 4.5% from December 2021 to July 2026.

Skills shortages have also eased from their recent peak. The proportion of occupations in shortage fell from 36% in 2023 to 29% in 2025. However, shortages remain concentrated in areas including construction, engineering, health and care – many of the same sectors expected to experience continued workforce demand.

For VET, the report highlights the ongoing importance of practical and technical pathways. More than 41% of projected employment growth to 2036 is expected in occupations aligned to Skill Levels 2 to 4, where VET is a primary pathway.

It also points to changing expectations within occupations. References to critical thinking and problem-solving in construction trade job advertisements have more than tripled over the past decade, suggesting employers are increasingly seeking broader capabilities alongside technical skills.

Another theme is how effectively Australia uses the skills it already has. JSA reports that 33% of women and 27% of men are working in occupations below their skill potential, highlighting the importance of skills recognition, mobility and lifelong learning.

The report also explores apprenticeship pathways, VET workforce capacity, qualification reform, skills recognition and stronger connections between VET and higher education.

To explore *Pathways to Success: Jobs and Skills Report 2026*, click [here](#).



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JOBS AND SKILLS COUNCILS & TRAINING PACKAGE NEWS

News Updates:



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

- [Introducing Jos and Skills Month](#)
- [Construction profile industry insights](#)
- [More than one way to find a skill: building a connected skills language for Australia](#)
- [Training Occupation Pathways Dataset](#)
- [Read more](#) on the JSA's LinkedIn



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News Updates:

- [BSB Training Package Update: BSB80120 Graduate Diploma of Management \(Learning\)](#)
- [FNS Update: Finance and Mortgage Broking Diploma and Certificate IV](#)
- [Funeral Sector Skills and Capability Review](#)
- [FSO Accelerate Newsletter](#) – October 2026
- [FSO Activate – RTO Edition](#) – October 2026
- [FSO News](#) – 8 October 2026
- [Read more](#) on the FSO's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Airport Operations Training Product Review](#)
- [Collaboration Creates Pathways: ISA works with stakeholders to support VETiS in Tasmania](#)
- [Growing Equity in Maritime Leadership – Working Group EOI Form](#)
- [ISA 2026 Roadshows](#)
- [National Heavy Vehicle Driver Action Plan](#)
- [Register your interest: Help shape future workforce and industry initiatives](#)
- [Read more](#) on Industry Skills' LinkedIn



**BuildSkills
Australia**

News Updates:

- [2026-27 Workforce Plan](#)
- [Crane, Hoist or Lift Operator training product review](#)
- [Entry-Level Pathways into Plumbing](#)
- [Home energy efficiency and sustainability](#)
- [Fencing and Gate Industry](#)
- [Your Next Big Project](#)
- [Read more](#) on BuildSkills' LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Aged Care, Disability, Leisure and Health Qualification Review](#)
- [Connecting for impact: HumanAbility National Forum 2026](#)
- [Earn While You Learn](#)
- [HumanAbility Newsletter](#) – October 2026
- [Read more](#) on HumanAbility's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [2026/27 Industry Consultation Series](#)
- [Australian Manufacturing Talent Shines on World Stage](#)
- [Committee & Taskforce Coordinator](#)
- [Manufacturing Workforce Plan 2026](#)
- [Read more](#) on MISA's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Correctional Services Training Implementation \(Phase 2\)](#)
- [Maintenance of PSP Public Sector Package](#)
- [Review of Government Investigations Qualifications](#)
- [Review of Procurement and Contracting Qualifications](#)
- [Workforce Insights Reports](#)
- [Read more](#) on Public Skills' LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Ag Trade Apprenticeship Qualification](#)
- [AI and Australia's foundational industries](#)
- [Current Projects Underway](#)
- [Engineered Wood Product Skills Review](#)
- [Growth Skills Review](#)
- [Meat Processing Training Resources](#)
- [Workforce Plan – 2026-2027](#)
- [Read more](#) on Skills Insight's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Automotive & Mining Roundtable Summary 2027](#)
- [Building the skills for mining's changing workforce](#)
- [Connecting with automotive: technology, training and changing skills](#)
- [Drilling Operations Qualifications – Public and Government Consultation](#)
- [Driving industry conversations](#)
- [EV Skills Mapping Project](#)
- [Providing access to OEM information for the Right to Repair](#)
- [Read more](#) on AUSMASA's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [\\$5 Million for More Tradies to Train the Tradies of the Future](#)
- [High Load, Short Supply – 2026 Targeted Workforce Update](#)
- [Powering Educator Pipelines](#)
- [Project Update](#)
- [PSO: Insights Update Webinar](#)
- [PSO Strategic Industry Advisory Body \(SIAB\) Membership 2026](#)
- [Read more](#) on Powering Skills' LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Cooking with Care: Designing Learning Resources for Culinary Skills in Aged Care Food Service](#)
- [Funeral Sector Skills and Capability Review](#)
- [Retail Qualifications Continuum Review](#)
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- [The Latest](#) – September 2026
- [Read more](#) on SACSA's LinkedIn



UPDATES FROM THE REGULATORS



Australian Government
Australian Skills Quality Authority

ASQA

Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

News Updates:

- [ASQA's Corporate Plan 2026-27 published](#)
- [ASQA IQ](#) – 14 October 2026
- [ASQA Update](#) – 28 September 2026
- [Public consultation now open for Quality Indicator survey](#)
- [Read more](#) on the ASQA LinkedIn



WA.gov.au

Training Accreditation Council (TAC)

News Updates:

- [RTO Reporting Requirements](#)
- [TAC Annual Report](#)
- [TAC Update – Issue 123](#) – October 2026
- [Read more](#) on TAC LinkedIn



Australian Government
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

TEQSA

Tertiary Education Quality and
Standards Agency (TEQSA)

News Updates:

- [Consultation Paper: Statement of Regulatory Expectations: Adopting a definition of Islamophobia](#)
- [Reporting a suspected academic cheating service form](#)
- [TEQSA 2026 Annual Conference](#)
- [Video recordings and presentation slides TEQSA Talks #2](#)
- [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
- [Reforms in place for Australia's international education sector](#)
- [Read more](#) on the VRQA LinkedIn

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YOUR VET NEWSLETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS

- [ASQA IQ](#) - 14 October 2026
- [ASQA Update](#) – 25 August 2026
- [Community Education Australia](#) – September 2026
- [FSO Future Skills News](#) – 8 October 2026
- [HumanAbility Newsletter](#) – October 2026
- [Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance – The Journey](#) – September 2026
- [National AI Centre – Issue 31](#) – 19 October 2026
- [NCVER Data Bulletin](#)
- [NCVER News – Edition #638](#) – 7 October 2026
- [Service and Creative Sills Australia – The Latest](#) – September 2026
- [SkillsAware Newsletter](#) – 14 October 2026
- [TAC Update – Issue 123](#) – October 2026
- [TAFE Directors Australia](#) – 19 October 2026
- [TAFE Directors Australia](#) – 12 October 2026
- [TEQSA eNews](#) – September 2026
- [Universities Australia Newsletter](#) – 16 October 2026
- [VDC News – Edition 16 – 2026](#) – 14 October 2026

PUBLICATIONS

- [2026 Manufacturing Workforce Plan](#)
- [AI in schools: Considerations for policy makers](#)
- [AI in schools: Considerations for school leaders and teachers](#)
- [BuildSkills Australia – Workforce Plan 2026-2027](#)
- [Construction profile industry insights paper](#)
- [Fee-Free TAFE Program \(1 Jan 2023 to 30 June 2026\)](#)
- [Investigation into the data breach of student information at the Department of Education](#)
- [Knowledge is power II: Australia's teacher professional knowledge gap](#)
- [Manufacturing Workforce Plan 2026](#)
- [Mining & Automotive Skills Alliance – Workforce Insights Report 2026: Workforces in Transition](#)
- [Pathways to Success – Jobs and Skills Report 2026](#)
- [Practical guides for governing AI](#)
- [Professional learning research insights: considerations for online professional learning](#)
- [Strengthening Australia's trade and investment relations with the countries of Africa](#)
- [Systems at work: trends in adult learning and outcomes](#)
- [TAC Annual Report – Training Accreditation Council](#)
- [VET qualification completion rates 2025](#)



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