

## **Course Accreditation**

To be accredited, a course must address an industry, enterprise, educational, legislative or community need that is not covered in a nationally endorsed Training Package. Applications for courses that duplicate the outcomes of an existing Training Package qualification will not be granted accreditation.

As you may already be aware, the accreditation of a course is different and separate from setting up of a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Submission of a proposed course for accreditation does not require you to be an RTO in the first instance and this allows you to develop and sell a course independently. Importantly the <u>Australian Skills Quality Authority</u> (ASQA) can consider applications for course accreditation from any person.

Courses are accredited in accordance with the:

- Standards for VET Regulators 2011; and
- Standards for VET Accredited Courses 2012.

For further guidance on course accreditation, ASQA has developed a user guide and supporting fact sheets on preparing and submitting a course accreditation application that meets national requirements.

- Users' guide to the Standards for VET Accredited Courses 2012;
- Getting a course accredited;
- Renewing an accredited course; and
- When to consider course accreditation.

Generally the timeframes for accreditation can vary however as a general guide it could take approximately six months to develop the course and approximately four to six months for approval from ASQA.

With regards to costs associated specifically with consulting services to develop or review an accredited course, this is generally something that can only be quoted once one of our consultants has had an initial conversation to determine the scope of work required.

It should be noted that there are additional fees payable to ASQA for initial, renewal and amendment to an accredited course which can be viewed through the following link <u>ASQA schedule of fees</u>.

If you are interested in Velg Training sourcing you a consultant who is able to assist with either the development or review of an accredited course, please do not hesitate to contact our consulting team via the details below.

Kind regards

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