



VETAB Information Sheet

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Recognition of AQF Qualifications Issued to HSC VET Students

Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF 2007) Essential Standards for Registration, Condition 7 requires Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to recognise Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualifications issued by any other RTO. Recognition is an arrangement by which one RTO recognises whole and/or partially completed qualifications achieved at another RTO. Under AQTF 2007 Essential Standards for Registration, Condition 7 requires RTOs to fulfil the following obligations:

- An RTO's policies and procedures must include a requirement that the RTO recognises the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by any other RTO.
- An RTO must include its obligation to recognise the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other RTOs, in information to clients.
- An RTO must provide information to staff on the obligation to recognise the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other RTOs.

AQF qualifications issued by RTOs include those awarded to school students for specified vocational education and training (VET) in the Higher School Certificate (HSC) delivered by an RTO, which may be school based, a TAFE NSW Institute or a private training provider. An increasing number of school students are gaining AQF qualifications as part of their HSC. Qualifications for HSC VET courses are issued on behalf of RTOs by the Board of Studies NSW.

School students who have completed a VET qualification from a national training package as part of their HSC should have their qualification recognised by all RTOs. In some cases, students complete units of competency only, which must also be recognised by RTOs as a vocational pathway, or as partial completion of a qualification.

After HSC VET graduates have enrolled in a related post-school VET qualification, they need to provide their HSC VET documentation to the RTO, verifying the unit/s of competency or qualification they have achieved. RTOs are required to assist them with their application for recognition.

RTO compliance with AQTF 2007 Condition 7 will enable increased recognition of units of competency/ qualifications achieved through HSC VET. This will support HSC VET graduates seeking to undertake further study. RTO compliance will not only benefit HSC graduates and employers but will also help to address skill shortages sooner.



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