

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Review of VET Delivery in Central Queensland and North Queensland Regions

Objective

The Queensland Training Ombudsman (QTO) will review VET delivery in Central Queensland and North Queensland regions, with a view to identifying any real and perceived issues relating to the quality and accessibility of VET delivery in these two regions.

The review will make recommendations to the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development and develop strategies to address any issues identified.

Background

In 2020, the QTO conducted a review of VET provision in regional, rural and remote Queensland. Whilst the review identified the Queensland VET system is responsive to the needs of industry, individuals, and local communities, and is used for a variety of purposes across the State, it made a small number of recommendations. Due to the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions, limited consultation was undertaken for that review which relied heavily on data analysis. The current review will assess the effect of the previous recommendations and will focus on a more detailed investigation and analysis of both the Central Queensland and North Queensland regions.

Scope

The review will:

- assess the impact of the previous recommendations
- analyse Total VET Activity data, and other data including funding provided by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT)
- consider the provision of training by both public and private Registered Training Organisations in Central Queensland and North Queensland
- seek feedback from a wide range of stakeholders
- make recommendations to address any real or perceived issues with the quality of VET delivery in Central Queensland and North Queensland.

Consultation

Consultation will occur with:

- Employer Associations
- Unions
- Local employers
- Local chambers of commerce
- Students/apprentices and trainees
- Community based organisations
- Local Government
- Registered Training Organisations
- Government agencies
- Other stakeholders

In addition to meetings held, correspondence will be forwarded to key stakeholders inviting them to make written submissions prior to 30 November 2022.

Outcomes

A report will be prepared for the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development that identifies issues and concerns with access to quality VET in both Central Queensland and North Queensland regions highlighted through data analysis and stakeholder feedback. The report will also make recommendations to address those issues and concerns.

Support

DESBT will:

- provide data and information required, including details of Skills Assure Suppliers operating in these regions
- assist with organising regional consultations, if required
- attend consultations as required by the QTO.

Resources

This review will be conducted utilising existing resources.

Timeframe

It is anticipated the review will be completed by 28 February 2023.