



Purpose and priorities

What does the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) do?

The AISC advises governments on the skills standards and competencies needed by all Australian industries, now and into the future. It provides this industry perspective to ministers through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Industry and Skills Council.

The AISC aims to make sure the vocational education and training system provides the qualifications, knowledge and skill sets that industry needs.

How do Industry Reference Committees (IRCs) work with the AISC?

The AISC relies on advice from around 60 IRCs, made up of experts from different industry sectors.

IRC members gather feedback from their sectors to inform the AISC's decisions and advise on the nature of consultation for training package development work. They also promote the use of vocational education and training in their sector.

This places industry at the centre of the development of effective training packages.

What are the priorities?

In order to meet ministers priorities, the AISC wants advice from IRCs to help:

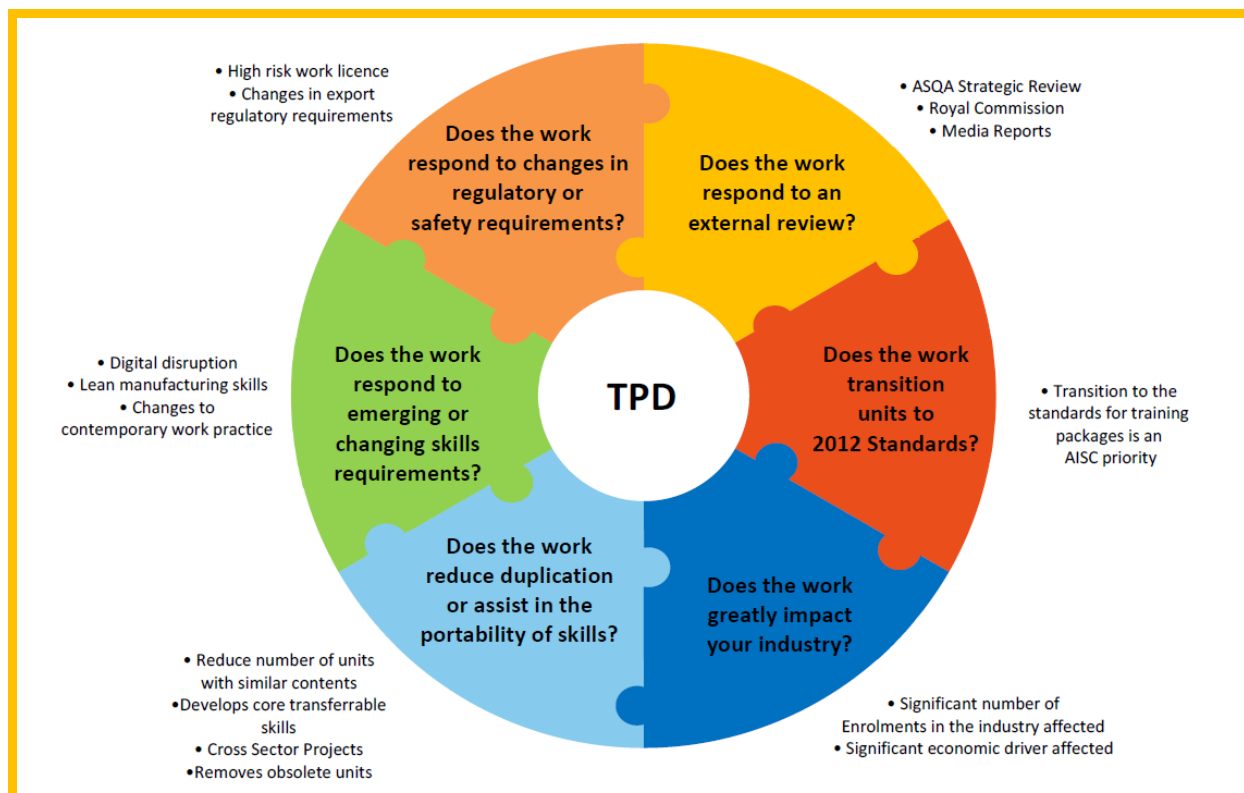
- remove outdated and unnecessary qualifications
- ensure the training package meets the [Standards for Training Packages 2012](#)
- ensure training providers understand industry's expectations about how training is delivered
- ensure the vocational education and training system supports people to move easily between related occupations
- create a more efficient system, through training packages with units of competency that can be used across multiple sectors
- increase recognition of skill sets.



Where training packages share common features, IRCs from different industry sectors are expected to work together.

How do the IRCs meet the priorities?

To help make sure qualifications meet the needs of employers in industry sectors, IRC members can ask questions about the training package, such as those in the table below.



More information

IRC Operating framework: www.aisc.net.au/content/irc-operating-framework

Other fact sheets in this series: <https://www.aisc.net.au/content/irc-toolkit>

General information about IRCs: <https://www.aisc.net.au/content/what-irc>

General information about the AISC: <https://www.aisc.net.au>

Standards for Training Packages 2012: <https://www.employment.gov.au/training-packages>