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COVID-19 Emergency Response Sub-Committee

Statement on the implementation of the new infection control skill sets

- On 12 May 2020 a suite of infection control training products were released on the national register training.gov.au comprising a new unit of competency (*HLTINFCOV001 Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures*) and four new infection control skill sets. Contextualisation advice to support the training products is available on the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) [website](#).
- These training products were developed to provide an immediate response to the need for infection control training in the retail, food handling and transport and logistics sectors. Over the medium term, the AISC Emergency Response Sub-Committee has agreed to develop cross-sectoral infection control training that will be broadly applicable across diverse industry settings.
- The purpose of this statement is to provide clarity to RTOs delivering the infection control skill sets to ensure these are implemented in accordance with AISC Emergency Response Sub-Committee and Skills Ministers expectations. This statement is to be read in conjunction with the [RTO Fact Sheet: Infection Control](#) on the AISC website.

Contextualisation advice

- The contextualisation advice on the AISC website sets out approved adjustments to performance and assessment criteria to support contextualised delivery. This includes highlighting where delivery may differ in light of COVID-19 skills and knowledge and the specific requirements of the job or sector.
- To ensure learners completing these skill sets exit with the required skills and industry-specific knowledge, the contextualisation advice **must be applied by RTOs** in delivering the skill sets. Regulators will assess RTOs' application of these resources when reviewing their performance in delivering these skill sets.

Credit transfer between HLTINFCOV001 and HLTINF001

- As defined by the AQF and supported by the Standards for RTOs, credit transfer should only be granted following consideration both of content and learning outcomes.
- Given HLTINFCOV001 is delivered in a non-clinical context, credit transfer **cannot be granted** between it and HLTINF001 which is used primarily for clinical health related vocations such as nursing or dentistry.

- Whilst it may be possible to use HLTINFCOV001 as partial evidence for HLTINF001 by Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), other factors would also need to be considered to determine that equivalence of learning outcomes are met.

Credit transfer between the industry-specific skill sets

- As the three industry-specific skill sets (HLTSS00065, HLTSS00066, HLTSS00067) comprise the same unit of competency by code, name and content, regulators would consider them fully transferable to each other.
- However, individual industries and/or specific employers may have views about whether achievement of a skill set in one industry may be recognised in another. It is possible for example, that an employer may require a person who has achieved the unit through a different industry skill set to undertake refresher training in the unit in the context of their industry's skill set.

