



Australian
Industry and
Skills Committee

AISC Communique – 12 October 2022

48th Meeting of the Australian Industry and Skills Committee

The Chair of the Australian Industry and Skill Committee, Emeritus Professor Tracey Horton was very pleased to welcome all members of the Committee to Canberra for its first face-to-face meeting since the start of the COVID 19 pandemic in early 2020.

VET Reform Update

Following on from the Jobs and Skills Summit in early September, the Committee noted Governments' shared commitment to collaborative approaches to workforce challenges and skills shortages, as reflected in ongoing negotiations to finalise a 12-month National Skills Agreement for 2023 and a longer-term National Skills Agreement. Other priorities include the establishment of Jobs and Skills Australia and Industry Clusters, as well as consultation on vocational education and training (VET) quality and qualifications reforms.

The Committee also noted Governments are working closely with other stakeholders to progress:

- a VET Workforce Blueprint to support and grow the VET workforce
- strengthening the apprenticeship system, and
- reinvigorating foundation skills programs.

Update on TAE Training and Education Training Package

The Committee welcomed Mr Andrew Shea, Chair of the Education Industry Reference Committee (IRC), who provided an update on progress with the TAE Training and Education Training Package review. Members noted the Education IRC is making good progress with this project which has strong links to work underway on the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015* and the *VET Workforce Quality Strategy*.

Members will consider the completed training package project in November 2022.

Transition Arrangements

At its June 2022 meeting, the Committee agreed an approach for managing the transition of any unfinished training package projects to new industry engagement arrangements. Members noted the majority of training product projects will be successfully completed by the end of 2022. One incomplete project was agreed to be transitioned on the advice of the responsible IRC.

MEM Manufacturing and Engineering Training Package – Release 3.0 and Release 4.0

In considering the Case for Endorsement listed below, the Committee discussed a number of policy concerns raised by key stakeholders. The Committee approved the training products for endorsement on a number of conditions (**Attachment A** refers), including that the Companion Volume Implementation Guide be further clarified in relation to advice on training pathways and entry requirements.

PSP Public Sector Training Package – Translating and Interpreting

The Committee welcomed Mr Guy Valentine, Chair of the Public Sector IRC, to provide an overview of the consultation process regarding updates to the translating and interpreting training products, and to answer any questions from the AISC.

Cases for Endorsement

The Committee considered the following **resubmitted Case for Endorsement** for referral to Skills Ministers:

IRC	Details of submission	AISC Decision
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker IRC HLT Health Training Package – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker	The Case for Endorsement includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 1 new qualification 	Approved the training products for endorsement

The Committee considered the following **new Cases for Endorsement** for referral to Skills Ministers:

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Maritime IRC MAR Maritime Training Package – Autonomous Maritime Systems	The Case for Endorsement includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new qualification • 3 new skill sets • 8 new units of competency 	Approved the training products for endorsement
Manufacturing and Engineering IRC MEM Manufacturing and Engineering Training Package – Release 3.0 and Release 4.0	The Case for Endorsement includes two projects: <p><i>Project A: Release 3.0</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 updated qualifications • 1 updated skill set • 310 updated units of competency <p><i>Project B: Release 4.0 – Welding Skills</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 40 updated units of competency 	Approved the training products for endorsement subject to the conditions detailed at Attachment A
Furnishing IRC MSF Furnishing Training Package – Release 8.0	The Case for Endorsement includes two projects: <p><i>Project A: Flooring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 2 new units of competency <p><i>Project B: Glass and Glazing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 6 new units of competency • 28 updated units of competency 	Approved the training products for endorsement

Cases for Endorsement *contd.*

IRC	Details of submission	AISC Decision
<p>Process Manufacturing, Recreational Vehicle and Laboratory IRC</p> <p>MSL Laboratory Operations Training Package Release 4.0 – Laboratory Operations</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 updated qualifications • 7 new skill sets • 2 updated skill sets • 59 updated units of competency • 3 new units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Process Manufacturing, Recreational Vehicle and Laboratory IRC</p> <p>MSM Manufacturing Training Package Release 8.0 – Recreational Vehicle Project</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 updated qualifications • 1 deleted qualification • 23 updated units of competency • 6 new units of competency 	<p>The training products were not approved for endorsement.</p> <p>The Committee agreed further work should be undertaken to demonstrate the equivalence of the <i>Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Manufacture</i> and <i>Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair</i> before this project is resubmitted in November 2022 for consideration.</p>
<p>Electrotechnology IRC</p> <p>UEE Electrotechnology Training Package – Release 5.0</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes three projects:</p> <p><i>Project A: Rail Signalling</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 15 updated units of competency • 3 new units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement on the condition it be made clearer in the qualification that all relevant jurisdictional licensing requirements must be complied with in the first instance and in determining available entry pathways. In addition, certification must indicate which entry pathway was used.</p>
	<p><i>Project B: Computer Systems Engineering</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification 	<p>Approved the training product for endorsement on the condition that deleted units of competency not be removed from the elective banks of 12 additional UEE qualifications at this stage.</p>
	<p><i>Project C: Renewables</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 updated qualifications • 25 updated units of competency • 13 new units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>

Cases for Endorsement *contd.*

IRC	Details of submission	AISC Decision
<p>Public Sector IRC</p> <p>PSP Public Sector Training Package – Translating and Interpreting</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 updated qualifications • 47 updated units of competency • 1 new unit of competency • 2 new skill sets 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Construction, Plumbing and Services IRC</p> <p>CPC Construction, Plumbing and Services Training Package Release 9.0 – Prefabricated Concrete Element Installation</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new qualification • 7 new units of competency • 3 new skill sets • 1 updated unit of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Public Safety IRC</p> <p>PUA Public Safety Training Package – Release 6.0</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes three projects:</p> <p><i>Project A: Emergency Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 4 new units of competency • 2 new skill sets <p><i>Project B: Emergency Care</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 updated qualifications • 5 updated units of competency • 1 new skill set • 2 deleted units of competency <p><i>Project C: Fire</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 updated qualifications • 3 new units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Transport and Logistics IRC</p> <p>TLI Transport and Logistics Training Package Release 14.0 – Materiel and Deployment Logistics</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 updated qualifications • 1 deleted qualification • 31 updated units of competency • 9 deleted units of competency • 6 updated skill sets 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Electricity Supply Industry Transmission, Distribution and Rail IRC</p> <p>UET Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector Training Package Release 5.0 – Powerline Safety</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new unit of competency • 1 new skill set 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Correctional Services IRC</p> <p>CSC Correctional Services Training Package Release 5.0</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 updated qualifications • 35 updated units of competency • 2 new units of competency • 1 new skill set 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>

Cases for Endorsement *contd.*

IRC	Details of submission	AISC Decision
Direct Client Care and Support IRC HLT Health Training Package – Infection Prevention and Control	The Case for Endorsement includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 revised units of competency • 1 new skill set • 1 revised skill set 	Approved the training products for endorsement
Construction, Plumbing and Services IRC CPC Construction, Plumbing and Services Training Package Release 9.0 – Construction Waterproofing Design and Survey	The Case for Endorsement includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new qualification • 2 new skill sets • 6 new units of competency 	Approved the training products for endorsement
Property Services IRC CPP Property Services Training Package Release 17.0 – Bushfire Protection Assessment	The Case for Endorsement includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new qualification • 8 new units of competency 	Approved the training products for endorsement
Sustainability IRC MSS Sustainability Training Package – Release 5.0	The Case for Endorsement includes two projects: <p><i>Part 1: Competitive Systems and Practices</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 revised qualifications • 2 deleted qualifications • 4 new units of competency • 90 revised units of competency • 12 merged or deleted units of competency • 9 new skill sets <p><i>Part 2: Sustainable Operations and Environmental Monitoring and Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 revised qualifications • 5 new units of competency • 41 revised units of competency • 11 merged or deleted units of competency • 3 new skill sets • 3 deleted skill sets 	Approved the training products for endorsement
Textile, Clothing and Footwear IRC MST Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Training Package Release 5.0 (Stage 2) – Using Advanced Materials and New Technologies in a Circular Economy	The Case for Endorsement includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 updated qualifications (merged outcomes from 7 qualifications) • 72 updated units of competency • 23 deleted units of competency • 5 reinstated units of competency 	Approved the training products for endorsement

Cases for Endorsement *contd.*

IRC	Details of submission	AISC Decision
<p>Water IRC</p> <p>NWP National Water Training Package Release 5.0</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes two projects:</p> <p><i>Project A: Flood Site Operations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new unit of competency • 1 new skill set <p><i>Project B: Water Network Maintenance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated unit of competency • 3 new units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Public Safety IRC</p> <p>POL Police Training Package Release 7.0 – Police Liaison and Community Engagement</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 updated qualifications • 14 updated units of competency • 1 new unit of competence • 1 deleted qualification • 3 deleted units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Sport and Recreation IRC</p> <p>SIS Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package – Sport, Aquatic and Recreation</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 updated qualifications • 47 updated units of competency • 4 updated skill sets 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Gas IRC</p> <p>UEG Gas Industry Training Package – Gas Supply Industry Skills</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new unit of competency • 59 updated units of competency • 4 updated qualifications 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>
<p>Electricity Supply Industry Generation IRC</p> <p>UEP Electricity Supply Industry – Generation Sector Training Package – Control Room Operations</p>	<p>The Case for Endorsement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 updated qualification • 3 new skill sets • 5 new units of competency 	<p>Approved the training products for endorsement</p>

Next meeting: The next AISC meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 November 2022.

MEM Release 3.0 and Release 4.0

In relation to MEM Manufacturing and Engineering Release 3.0 and Release 4.0, the AISC:

- **APPROVED** the following qualifications, **noting that in doing so the Committee is confirming that additional statements in the qualification descriptions do not mandate training pathways, and it remains the responsibility of individual States and Territories to determine arrangements for training delivery:**
 - o MEM30422 Certificate III in Engineering – Electronic Trade
 - o MEM30522 Certificate III in Engineering – Technical
 - o MEM30422 Certificate III in Engineering – Patternmaking Trade
 - o MEM31822 Certificate III in Engineering – Textile Mechanic.
- **APPROVED** the following qualifications, **in line with the ministerial exemption to the *Standards for Training Packages* that was agreed by Skills Ministers in December 2020:**
 - o MEM31322 Certificate III in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
 - o MEM31922 Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade.
- **APPROVED** the following qualifications, **noting that in doing so the Committee is confirming that additional statements in the qualification descriptions do not mandate training pathways, and it remains the responsibility of individual States and Territories to determine arrangements for training delivery:**
 - o MEM20322 Certificate II in Boating Services
 - o MEM40422 Certificate IV in Engineering Drafting
 - o MEM50222 Diploma of Engineering – Technical
 - o MEM60122 Advanced Diploma of Engineering.
- **REQUESTED** the Manufacturing and Engineering IRC include advice in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide that is consistent with the advice it has provided to STAs and the AISC Secretariat to clarify its approach to training pathways and entry requirements to avoid potential confusion for RTOs and learners.
- **RECOMMENDED** that Section 3.6.1 of the *Training Package Products Policy* be clarified in terms of how pathways advice can and cannot be included in qualifications, and this issue also be considered as part of qualification.