VETiS Key Contacts and Useful Resources

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is the independent authority responsible for the development of a national curriculum, a national assessment program and a national data collection and reporting program that supports 21st century learning for all Australian students.

ACARA’s work is carried out in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders, including teachers, principals, governments, State and Territory education authorities, professional education associations, community groups and the general public.

Australian Skills Quality Authority

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is the national regulator for Australia’s vocational education and training sector.

ASQA regulates courses and training providers to ensure nationally approved quality standards are met.

Australian Training Awards

The Australian Training Awards are the peak national awards for vocational education and training sector, recognising and rewarding organisations and individuals for their outstanding contribution to skilling Australia.

Australian Vocational Student Prize

The Australian Vocational Student Prize (AVSP) promotes the value of gaining vocational skills while at school and recognises the important role vocational education plays in preparing students for further training and employment.

Each year, schools are invited to nominate students who have chosen to pursue a practical training pathway while completing their senior secondary studies, and who have also demonstrated outstanding vocational and employability skills while undertaking a VETiS program or an Australian School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

Up to 500 prizes are awarded each year and winners receive a certificate and $2000. The highest achieving AVSP winners are also eligible for the Prime Minister’s Award for Skills Excellence in School, with an additional $2000 for the winners.
Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework provides information on the unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFEs and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities).

Australian Qualifications Training Framework

The Australian Qualifications Training Framework (AQTF) is the national set of standards that assures nationally consistent, high-quality training and assessment services for the clients of Australia's VET system.

To be eligible for credit the student must be enrolled in the VCE. Students who have been enrolled in the VCE within the previous two years may also be eligible for credit. Credit will be available for full or partial completion of a nationally recognised qualification.

Registered Training Organizations

A Registered Training Organisation (RTO) in Australia, is a vocational education organisation that provides students with training that results in qualifications and statements of attainment that are recognised and accepted by industry and other educational institutions throughout Australia.

Registered training organizations can be State and Territory government or privately owned training organizations. All registered training organizations in Australia and the qualifications they are registered to deliver are listed on the Australian Government’s Training website.

Independent Schools Victoria is an RTO, and detailed information can be found on the website.

Trade Training Centres in Schools Program

The Trade Training Centres in Schools Program (TTC) is providing $2.5 billion from 2008 to 2018 to enable secondary schools to seek funding for TTCs. The program allows secondary students from years 9 to 12 to access VET through TTCs to give them a broader range of options so as to improve Year 12 retention rates and enhance pathways into vocational careers.

TTCs are also helping to address national skills shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries. Under the program, funds are available for major capital works, upgrade of existing facilities and industry standard equipment.

Training Package and Units of Competency

A training package is a set of nationally endorsed standards and qualifications for recognising and assessing people's skills in a specific industry, industry sector or enterprise. They are developed by national Industry Skills Councils (ISCs).

Training.gov.au

Training.gov.au (TGA) is an extensive database on VET in Australia. TGA is the official national register of information on Training Packages, Qualifications, Courses, Units of Competency and RTOs and has been developed for experienced training sector users.
Unique Student Identifier

All students doing nationally recognised training need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students doing Vocational Education Training (VET) when they are still at school (VET for secondary students).

The Unique Student Identifier is a reference number made up of 10 numbers and letters.

New or continuing student undertaking nationally recognised training, need a USI in order to receive their qualification or statement of attainment. Students who do not have a USI will not receive their qualification or statement of attainment.

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) is an independent statutory body responsible to the Victorian Minister for Education, serving both government and non-government schools. The mission of the VCAA is to provide high quality curriculum, assessment and reporting that enables individual lifelong learning.

Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority

The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) is the statutory authority responsible for ensuring that employers of apprentices and trainees and providers of education and training (including course and qualification owners) meet quality standards, and that information is readily available to support informed choice in education and training.

Victorian Student Number

The Victorian Student Number (VSN) is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions.

The VSN does not apply to universities. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student’s school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25.

Work Experience

Work Experience is part of the schools’ educational program where students experience the world of work, often for the first time. It is the short-term placement of secondary school students with employers, to provide insights into the industry, and the workplace in which they are located. Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise. It is undertaken at the employer’s premises and has enormous benefits for students.
FAQs and Resources

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Increasing numbers of students wish to undertake vocational training, because it will provide them a difference learning environment, assist them when they leave school, and inform them about post-school options. Frequently asked questions can be found on the [VCAA's website](#).

**VET Key Contacts and Useful Resources**

For a list of key contacts and useful resources relating to VET, including details of the VCAA, VET Unit, VET Support Networks and State Reviewers, visit the [VCAA's website](#).