

Department of Trade, Employment and Training

# Contract Connector

## General information

### **Career Start and Career Boost EOI Progress Update**

The Department's assessment process for the Career Start and Career Boost EOIs is currently ongoing. Each application is being carefully reviewed as part of a comprehensive evaluation process to ensure fairness, equity, and alignment with the program's objectives.

Due to the high volume of submissions received, the evaluation process is taking longer than we initially anticipated. The large number of high-quality applications reflects the strong interest in this program, and we are committed to giving each submission the time and attention it deserves.

We are working diligently to complete this process as quickly as possible while maintaining the integrity of the evaluation. We anticipate that the assessment process will be finalised shortly, and all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission in June 2025.

The Department will release further information and updates as soon as possible, and we appreciate your patience during this time.

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### **Purchasing Online (POL) application within Partner Portal**

The POL application within Partner Portal will close at **5:00 pm on Friday, 30 May 2025**, to facilitate the processing of Skills Assure Supplier (SAS) agreements.

Variation requests for the addition of superseding qualifications lodged prior the closing date will be reviewed in line with current processes.

The POL application is anticipated to reopen in late July 2025.

If you have any questions in relation to the POL application, please contact the VET Programs and Investment team via email at [vpi@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:vpi@desbt.qld.gov.au).

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### **See skills in action and the future of training take centre stage**

From 12 to 14 June 2025, Brisbane will host the [WorldSkills Australia 2025 National Championships and Skills Show](#) at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre – the nation's biggest event celebrating training and skills excellence.

**Team Queensland** – 121 strong team of emerging stars from across the state, will compete in over 60 skills categories, from construction and ICT to creative industries, personal services and logistics.

As an education and industry training partner, this is your chance to:

- celebrate the achievements of apprentices, trainees and other vocational students, along with trainers and skills experts
- see firsthand the quality and innovation driving skills development; and
- connect with students, employers and other industry leaders

Held alongside the **2025 Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo**, this **free event** is an unmissable opportunity to engage with the next generation of learners and leaders.

**Can't make the show in person?** Stream all the action live on [Channel WSA](#) – your go-to source for event coverage, interviews and magic moments from behind the scenes.

The WorldSkills Australia 2025 National Championships and Skills Show is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and TAFE Queensland.



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## Child Safe Standards

As a funded supplier you are required to comply with all laws as per Clause 4.1(j) of your SAS Agreement.

Given this, you should all be aware that the *Child Safe Organisations Act 2024* (the Act) commences from 1 October 2025. The Act will be implemented in a phased approach and all organisations that are deemed 'child safe entities' will be required to meet obligations and work towards compliance.

To assist organisations, the Queensland Family and Child Commission has developed two resources: the 'Guidelines for Implementing the Universal Principle and Child Safe Standards' (the Guidelines) and a 'Self-Assessment Tool' (the Tool). These documents are now publicly available on the [QFCC website](#).

The Guidelines are designed to help everyone who works with children or provides spaces for them to understand how they can contribute to keeping children and young people safe. The Tool is designed to assist organisations in evaluating current levels of readiness and can be used as a first step by any organisation working with children to reflect on:

- how the Child Safe Standards are currently being implemented;
- where further work may be required; and
- the actions that need to be undertaken to improve child safe practices.

Collectively, the Guidelines and Tool can assist organisations to work towards compliance with the Child Safe Standards and Universal Principle. The Guidelines and the Tool are aligned to the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

If you would like to contact the QFCC directly with any questions, please email [csso@qfcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:csso@qfcc.qld.gov.au).

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## Compliance monitoring

### Revenue Growth

Each month, Contract Managers conduct “revenue growth” activities to ensure that all claims submitted are made in accordance with the SAS Agreement and departmental policies. As part of this process, it is essential to maintain transparency and accuracy in reporting.

If you anticipate that your claims for the month are likely to significantly exceed your usual average, please provide advanced notice to your Contract Manager. This proactive communication will support our enquiries and helps to ensure a smooth claims process.


If you have any questions in relation to the revenue growth compliance activity Contract Management perform, please email your Contract Manager at [contractmanagement@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:contractmanagement@desbt.qld.gov.au).

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### RTO Consultants

The Department recognises that many of you enlist the services of RTO Consultants to support your compliance with the obligations outlined in your SAS Agreement and departmental policies.

While RTO Consultants can provide valuable assistance, it is essential to exercise due diligence before engaging their services. It is important to note that, irrespective of their involvement, you retain full responsibility for ensuring compliance with your obligations.



## Extended transition period approved by ASQA

ASQA has recently **approved** and published the following extended transition periods:

**Extended transition period: AHC qualifications - AHC21316, AHC21416, AHC32916, AHC33016, AHC33116**

ASQA is empowered to approve transition periods longer than those detailed in Clause 1.26(a) of the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015*. ASQA will only consider applications for a longer transition period where it can be demonstrated that there would be genuine disadvantage to a cohort of learners if such an extension was not approved.

ASQA has approved an extended transition period for the qualifications listed below.

**Qualifications**

- AHC21316 Certificate II in Shearing
- AHC21416 Certificate II in Wool Handling
- AHC32916 Certificate III in Shearing
- AHC33016 Certificate III in Wool Clip Preparation
- AHC33116 Certificate III in Advanced Wool Handling

**Existing transition period**

Standard 12-month transition period from 10 February 2025 until 10 February 2026.

**Extended transition conditions**

- The approved extended transition period is from 11 February 2026 until 10 February 2027.
- The extended transition period only applies to continuing students who commence formal training and/or assessment in the training products on or before 10 February 2026.
- All students must either complete and receive certification or be transferred to replacement courses by the new transition end date.
- The extended transition period applies to all RTOs with this qualification on scope. The qualification will remain on RTOs' scope of registration until the end of the extended transition period.

**Extended transition period: AHC41316 Certificate IV in Wool Classing**

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ASQA has approved an extended transition period for the qualification listed below.

**Qualification**

## AHC41316 Certificate IV in Wool Classing

### Existing transition period

Standard 12-month transition period from 10 February 2025 until 10 February 2026.

### Extended transition conditions

- The approved extended transition period is from 11 February 2026 until 31 July 2027.
- The extended transition period applies to both new and continuing students.
- All students must either complete and receive certification or be transferred to replacement courses by the new transition end date.
- The extended transition period applies to all RTOs with this qualification on scope. The qualification will remain on RTOs' scope of registration until the end of the extended transition period.

### Extended transition period: CHC qualifications – CHC50313, CHC50413, CHC52015

ASQA is empowered to approve transition periods longer than those detailed in Clause 1.26(a) of the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015*. ASQA will only consider applications for a longer transition period where it can be demonstrated that there would be genuine disadvantage to a cohort of learners if such an extension was not approved.

ASQA has approved an extended transition period for the qualification(s) listed below.

### Qualification(s)

- CHC50313 Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention
- CHC50413 Diploma of Youth Work
- CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services

### Existing transition period(s)

- Standard 12-month transition period from 7 December 2022 until 6 December 2023.
- Multiple extended transition periods from 7 December 2023 until 31 July 2025.

### Extended transition conditions

- The approved additional extended transition period is from 1 August 2025 until 31 December 2025.
- The extended transition period only applies to continuing students who commenced formal training and/or assessment in the training product(s) as follows:
  - CHC50313 Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention – commenced by 31 July 2024.

- CHC50413 Diploma of Youth Work - commenced by 31 July 2024.
- CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services - commenced by 31 December 2024.
- All students must either complete and receive certification or be transferred to replacement courses by the new transition end date.
- The extended transition period applies to all RTOs with this qualification on scope. The qualification will remain on RTOs' scope of registration until the end of the extended transition period.

The decision to extend the transition end date for the qualifications listed above were supported by industry stakeholders, regulators and providers.

Please refer to the [ASQA website](#) for further details.

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