

2016–17 Annual VET Investment Plan

Fact sheet

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting Queenslanders to acquire the skills needed to secure employment. Vocational education and training (VET) is recognised for the pivotal role it plays — skilling working-age Queenslanders who are unemployed or seeking a step up, and setting them on a path to a brighter future.

The *2016–17 Annual VET Investment Plan* details the Queensland Government's planned \$810.7 million investment in VET over the coming year.

Under this plan, the government remains focused on investing in skills that align with real job opportunities, both now and into the future — boosting the skills of our existing workforce and creating more opportunities for those needing additional skills to compete for employment.

Many of the key initiatives in the *Working Queensland* plan are now operational and are helping to rebuild industry leadership, inclusiveness and quality in Queensland's VET sector. This includes the reinstatement of Skilling Queenslanders for Work, the establishment of Jobs Queensland and the Training Ombudsman office, and additional investment in TAFE Queensland under the *Rescuing TAFE* initiative.

In 2016–17, key features of the plan essentially will remain the same, with demand-driven training arrangements underpinned by a network of pre-qualified suppliers, published subsidy levels for government-subsidised qualifications and skill sets aligned to industry identified skills needs, and co-contribution to

the cost of training by individuals, employers or industry.

Investment programs

The plan is underpinned by a VET investment framework that supports demand-driven funding arrangements across a number of program areas, provides support for disadvantaged learners and other priority student cohorts, and provides a significant contribution to public providers to enable them to operate in a competitive VET market.

Key investment programs in 2016-17 are:

- User Choice – \$220.3 million
- Certificate 3 Guarantee – \$304.7 million
- Higher Level Skills – \$60 million
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work – \$60 million
- public provider grants – \$165.7 million.

For more on these programs, including target groups, investment levels and policies, visit www.training.qld.gov.au/fundedprograms.

Key changes in 2016–17

In 2016–17, the introduction of the Queensland VET Quality Framework will reinforce and improve awareness of the government's strong focus on building and maintaining a quality VET system in Queensland.

The plan also supports this renewed focus on quality through the introduction of a range of new measures, including:

- no automatic rollover of contracts, with selected [pre-qualified suppliers](#) required to provide additional information for

consideration prior to offers being made

- strengthened pre-qualified supplier entry requirements, including a one-year minimum trading history in Queensland to ensure potential pre-qualified suppliers have established industry relationships and a proven track record before seeking state funding
- streamlined legal agreements to enable the department to swiftly address quality concerns and take appropriate compliance action against pre-qualified suppliers
- improved program design to address current areas of non-compliance
- enhanced pre-qualified supplier risk profiling to identify investment risks, and inform pre-qualified supplier management and risk mitigation strategies
- strengthened VET in Schools policy to ensure students receive appropriate training that links to their career aspirations and assists stakeholders in understanding their respective responsibilities.

More information

For more information on the *2016-17 Annual VET Investment Plan*, visit

www.training.qld.gov.au/vetinvestmentplan.