



High Motivation Training Academy

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•Welcome to our 2011 Newsletter! This is a special edition to inform about the new National Regulator. Refer to www.asqa.gov.au for more information

•Our new qualifications (in approval stage with DET) for rebirthing / breathwork and finance!! (page 2)

From the staff of HMTA, we wish you a great quarter ahead, Remember, we would love your suggestions and welcome your questions

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At HMTA, we felt it very important to provide our partners and customers with some up to date information on the

new regulations and legislation being introduced to help manage higher education in Australia. This involved two

new national regulators for higher education bodies (both vocational education and universities) in Australia.

So PLEASE read on.....

Our New National Regulator for RTOs

On July 1st, 2011, Australia will have two new regulating bodies for higher education (ie. education and training conducted after school). The first is the Australian Skills Quality Authority (**ASQA**) responsible for vocational education and training; the second is the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (**TEQSA**) established to regulate university and non-university higher education providers. Although both bodies are being developed independently now under DEEWR, there is a POSSIBLE merger of these two bodies planned for 2013. So our concern, for the RTO, currently is in the roles and responsibilities of ASQA. And following is *our understanding* of this new regulator which will act nationally throughout Australia.

(Please refer to www.asqa.gov.au for further information).

Why do we need a new regulator?

It has been decided that Australia's skills requirements need a seamless single focus to ensure quality throughout the system nationally, with the aim of driving better quality standards and to strengthen our reputation in the international education sector. You may remember a lot of focus recently in the media has been on Australia's contribution within the VET sector to training internationally? It is vital for this part of our economy to provide a greater certainty in the training market internationally. It has also been recognised that there is a need to reduce the complexity of the regulatory governance of the VET system.

So the aim is a single set of processes and tools for compliance nationally,

and effective national consistency of auditing and moderation for VET providers in Australia.

So how will this affect our RTO?

Prior to 1st July 2011, (as with all other education bodies) the States have had independence in governing the VET area under DEEWR. NOW not all States are in agreement with this new Regulator. So which states are reporting where as at 1st July 2011?

1. RTOs registered in NSW, ACT and Northern Territory will automatically report to ASQA as at 1st July 2011.
2. RTOs registered in QLD, South Australia and Tasmania will enter the new national system later in 2011 or early 2012 (no date set as yet, but negotiations are well under way).

HMTA is registered in QLD.

3. RTOs registered in Victoria and Western Australia are NOT referring their powers to ASQA at this stage, and will remain under their own State regulations. However RTOs in these States that train in OTHER States or Internationally will have to be registered with ASQA prior to 1st July 2011—they have no choice. So, if you are an RTO registered in Victoria, for example, and only training in Victoria, you can remain with the Victorian regulatory body and you do not need to report to ASQA.

For more information, and changes affecting accredited courses please see page 2.

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"Solitude"

by Vicki Davies

Whistling wind,
Singing birds,
Sun is streaming
drenching rocks.

How warm the earth.
How still the day.
The clouds are drifting,
My soul is smiling.

So peaceful here
in wanted quiet,
The smell of pines
will linger long.

My book is waiting,
My tea is steaming,
I give a toast,
To solitude.

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We have some new courses awaiting approval from DET:

We hope to add two more qualifications to our scope of business through the Department of Education and Training (we are awaiting approval to our request for an extension to scope).

- ⇒ (FNS50210) Diploma of Accounting, covering topics such as management and administration of accounting functions, preparation of financial reports, budgeting and forecasting, internal control and preparation of regulatory and legislative compliance forms.
- ⇒ (30948QLD) Diploma of Rebirthing and Breathwork Mastery: Alakh Analda's new Diploma for Rebirthers and Breath workers (see www.rebirthing.com.au for further details) or our web site once our application is approved (www.hmtacademy.com)

Changes under ASQA:

1. NTIS

The National Training Information Service (NTIS) system will be replaced in July 2011 by a new system called Training.gov.au. Training.gov.au will contain all of the services currently provided by NTIS and will be the authoritative National Register, for the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector. The current www.ntis.gov.au web address will be replaced by www.training.gov.au. All web pages within the NTIS website will be automatically redirected to the new www.training.gov.au address.

2. Endorsing Training Packages

The National Quality Council (NQC) will cease operations on 30 June 2011 and the National Standards Council (NSC) will commence from 1 July 2011 subject to a formal decision of the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment. Responsibility for endorsement of Training Packages will then rest with the NSC.

3. Fees and Charges

New fees and charges for RTOs are not yet available but ASQA

has let us know that it will base its charges on the costs of carrying out its functions; it will embody "user pays" and acknowledge activity costs. It is probable that we will see a substantial rise in the RTO charges for yearly registrations!

ASQA & Accredited Courses:

On July 1, 2011, ASQA will manage the accreditation of most Australian VET courses. Vet courses that are currently accredited will continue to be accredited until their existing accreditation expires. The owners of accredited materials originally accredited by a State or Territory will apply to ASQA to renew their accreditation courses when their expiry date is reached. The move to ASQA will happen automatically—course owners do not need to do anything. ASQA will establish an office in Brisbane that will handle all accredited course matters for all courses in Australia. If you have any enquires in this regard you can email "accreditation@asqa.gov.au"

We will continue to provide further information as we receive it.