

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) - funded by the VET investment budget

What is VETiS?

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) focuses on delivering qualifications to provide students with the skills and knowledge required for specific industries.

Students can undertake VETiS as part of their school studies, delivered by a school registered training organisation (RTO) or by enrolling in a course with an external RTO. Alternatively, students can undertake a qualification through a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT).

Changes to VETiS (funded by the VET investment budget)

From 1 July 2014, there will be changes to the way VETiS is funded for schools and students wishing to access the VET investment budget for their VETiS activity. The VET investment budget will only fund qualifications identified in consultation with industry as leading to employment – identified as being in the employment stream.

These changes impact only VETiS training that is funded through the VET investment budget. These changes do **not** affect:

- VETiS delivered and resourced by school RTOs or fee-for-service (parent/student contribution)
- school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs)
- students who commenced VETiS courses prior to 1 July 2014.

Rationale for changes

In late 2012, the Queensland Skills and Training Taskforce recommended:

- that VETiS (funded by the VET investment budget) be targeted at industry recommended qualifications that lead to genuine employment opportunities
- a new funding framework for VETiS should reflect the categories of 'Exploration', 'Education' and 'Employment', with the principle that VET funding only support the third category of 'Employment'.

The Queensland Government supported these recommendations and reaffirmed its commitment to providing VETiS to support retention, attainment and transitions to further education or employment and to target training funding towards VETiS options that deliver clear employment pathways.

VETiS focussed on employment

From 1 July 2014, the VET investment budget will provide funding for students to complete one employment stream qualification while at school.

It is important to note that students are still able to undertake any qualification across a range of industries. However, the VET investment budget will only fund those qualifications that have been identified by industry as leading to employment.

A list of employment stream qualifications can be found at www.training.qld.gov.au/individuals/courses/vet-schools.html

Foundation skills required to complete a VETiS qualification should continue to be delivered and funded by schools.

Students wishing to undertake a certificate III qualification should do so as a SAT, which will be funded by the VET investment budget. However, other certificate III qualifications may be delivered and funded outside of the SAT pathway, subject

to the submission of an [Industry Proposal Funding Submission](#) that outlines localised arrangements between schools and employers. Such arrangements are a key feature of high quality VETiS.

Submissions should be made by employers to support local employment opportunities for individual students. To be considered for VET investment funding, submissions must demonstrate:

- local arrangements brokered between employers and schools for employment of VETiS graduates, with evidence of employer consultation
- employers guarantee employment of successful VETiS graduates
- consultation with Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) regional offices and schools.

Choice of RTO

Schools and students undertaking VETiS funded by the VET investment budget will be able to choose any RTO approved by DETE as a pre-qualified supplier (PQS) under the Certificate 3 Guarantee for the eligible qualification.

The final choice of RTO and arrangements for enrolment with the selected RTO should be made by the school, in consultation with students and their parents.

A list of PQS can be found at www.training.qld.gov.au/certificate3guarantee

RTOs that wish to deliver VETiS (funded by the VET investment budget) must first be approved as a PQS. Under the PQS system, funding follows the eligible student to their chosen PQS and is paid directly to the PQS on submission of the student's validated training data.

Further information on how to become a PQS can be found at www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/training-provider.html

RTOs delivering VETiS funded by the VET investment budget must adhere to all policies, requirements, standards and key performance indicators (KPIs) specified in the *Certificate 3 Guarantee Program Policy 2014–15* and the terms of the *Pre-qualified Supplier Policy 2014-2015 for Queensland Government subsidised training places*.

Fees

VETiS funded by the VET investment budget will be fee-free for students. The government determines the level of subsidy available as a public contribution to the cost of the training, and provides the maximum subsidy for VETiS students in most circumstances. It is intended that the level of subsidy for each VETiS qualification should cover the costs associated with participating in the training.

However, in some instances there may be a shortfall between the subsidy level and the fees charged by the PQS, which is referred to as a co-contribution fee, and this cost should be paid by the school to the PQS.

A PQS must disclose its fees upfront and clearly publish them on their website. This allows schools and students to be informed of all training costs and compare co-contribution fees (if any apply) across different PQS.

Certificate 3 Guarantee and Fee-free training for Year 12 graduates

Regardless of how it is funded, participation in VETiS or a SAT does **not** affect a student's access to fee-free training for Year 12 graduates or the Certificate 3 Guarantee — even if the student has completed a certificate III level qualification at school.

For more information visit www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree

Further information

DETE regional offices can assist schools with information on VETiS and funding available through the VET investment budget.

Further information is also available on 1300 369 935 or Apprenticeships Info on 1800 210 210.

Parents and students with queries about VETiS and SATs should approach their school in the first instance.

For further information on VETiS in Queensland, visit www.training.qld.gov.au/VETiS