

## VET in Schools (VETiS) Vocational Education & Training (VET) Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the changes to VETiS from 1 July 2014?

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. In Queensland, VETiS is funded from two main sources:

1. **Education** – Many schools are also registered training organisations (school RTOs) and deliver VETiS training to students. The majority of VETiS training in Queensland is delivered and resourced by school RTOs.
2. **Training (VET investment budget)** – prior to 1 July 2014, VETiS training resourced by the VET investment budget (formerly known as VET revenue general or VRG) could only be used for VETiS delivered by TAFE Institutes and Agricultural Colleges.

The changes to VETiS from 1 July 2014, will only impact on VETiS that is resourced by the VET investment budget.

The VET investment budget will only fund those VETiS qualifications that have been identified by industry as most likely to lead to employment (known as employment stream qualifications).

### Why the change?

The changes to VETiS funded by the VET investment budget result from the recommendations of the Queensland Skills and Training Taskforce. The recommendations aimed to better align VETiS, funded by the VET investment budget, to employment. As a result, only those qualifications on the employment stream will be funded by the VET investment budget.

### Who will be affected by the changes to VETiS, funded by the VET investment budget?

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 (the majority of VETiS delivered in Queensland)
- Fee-for-service VETiS, i.e. VETiS training that is fully funded by parents or students
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs)
- Student who commenced VETiS prior to 1 July 2014.

## **Will students still be able to undertake any VETiS qualification?**

Yes. Students undertaking VETiS, which is resourced and delivered by a school RTO, or self-funded VETiS, can still undertake any qualification across a range of industries. Students who complete a certificate III level qualification at school are still eligible to access further Queensland Government subsidised training post-school such as Year 12 fee-free training and the Certificate 3 Guarantee.

Students undertaking VETiS, which is resourced by the VET investment budget, will be funded to complete one employment stream qualification at the certificate I or II level.

## **Why are there no certificate III qualifications on the employment stream list?**

The removal of certificate III qualifications from the employment stream list, which only affects VETiS funded by the VET investment budget, was in recognition that the best pathway to employment for school students completing certificate III level qualifications is through participation in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

The VET investment budget provides access to and funding for certificate III level qualifications for students post-school through Year 12 fee-free training and the Certificate 3 Guarantee.

Students can still complete certificate III qualifications that are delivered and resourced by school RTOs. In addition, industry has the opportunity to submit an [Industry Proposal Funding Submission](#) for funding of qualifications not listed on the employment stream, where a need is identified in a particular location and employment opportunities for VETiS graduates is guaranteed.

## **Can schools choose any RTO for VETiS training, which is funded by the VET investment budget?**

From 1 July 2014, VETiS training, funded by the VET investment budget, will be fully contestable. This now enables schools to partner with a greater choice of training providers. Schools using the VET investment budget can choose any RTO that is approved by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) as a pre-qualified supplier. Funding is paid directly to the chosen RTO on submission of the student's validated training data.

## **Are school registered training organisations eligible to become a pre-qualified supplier for delivery of VETiS?**

No. School RTOs are not eligible to become a pre-qualified supplier for the delivery of VETiS, funded by the VET Investment due to real or perceived conflicts of interest that would arise, namely:

- potential to cost shift between the Education and VET investment budgets, where existing VETiS activity resourced by the school can be transitioned to funding for the school RTO under the VET investment budget, creating additional government expenditure with no additional training outcomes
- potential for conflict in the role of supporting students, as under the VETiS arrangements funded by the VET investment budget, 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, and this role may conflict with the objectives of a school RTO.

## Who pays the co-contribution fee?

VETiS funded by the VET investment budget is fee-free for students. Subsidies for VETiS are detailed in the [Queensland Training Subsidies List](#). The maximum subsidy for VETiS students will be paid in most circumstances. The subsidy for each VETiS qualification should cover the costs associated with participating in the training. In some instances however, there may be a shortfall between the subsidy level and the fees charged by the pre-qualified supplier. This is known as the co-contribution fee. This fee should be paid by the school to the pre-qualified supplier.

A pre-qualified supplier must disclose any fees upfront and clearly publish them on their website. This allows schools and students to be informed of the all training costs and compare co-contribution fees across different pre-qualified suppliers.