

## PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT IN VET

### Townsville

Tuesday 9th August  
James Cook Room  
Plaza Hotel  
corner of Flinders Mall and  
Stanley Street

### Newcastle

Thursday 11th August  
Ballroom  
Crowne Plaza Newcastle  
corner Mereweather Street  
and Wharf Road

### Perth

Tuesday 16th August  
Stirling Rooms 1, 2 and 3  
Crowne Plaza Perth  
54 Terrace Road

### Melbourne

Thursday 18th August  
Cantala/Marina Rooms  
Novotel Melbourne on Collins  
270 Collins Street

### Forum Program

9.30 am	Coffee and networking
10.00 am	Welcome, background, objectives and brief introductions Explanation of the methodology of professional conversations Issues raised in <i>Snapshots from Recent Research</i> and findings from your Expressions of Interest Professional conversations on new practices in teaching, learning and assessment
11.00 am	Morning tea
11.15 am	Presentation on making professional judgment in VET Professional conversations in response to the presentation and the think piece
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	Presentation on judgment and new practices e.g. in the context of assessment and the AQTF Professional conversations in response to the presentation and the think piece
2.15 pm	Presentation on professional judgment in teaching and learning Discussion on barriers to and enablers of professional judgment Professional conversations in response the presentation and the think piece
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
3.45 pm	Formation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and online networks Preparation for <i>New Ways of Working in VET Forum 2</i>
4.15 pm	Forum debrief and evaluation
4.30 pm	Networking and drinks
5.00 pm	<b>Close</b>

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### The value of professional conversations

We have designed the Forum so that there are dedicated sessions in which you can actively engage with others in exploring the ideas and new ways of working in VET presented through the readings and presentations. This participation takes the form of 'professional conversations'.

These conversations will give you an opportunity to:

- relate the presentations and readings to your own experiences and your practice environment in VET
- consider new ways of working in the future.

The opportunity for dialogue with fellow practitioners is not be underestimated, as research shows that:

- professional conversations in which practitioners share their learning can transform practice
- structured dialogue between reflective practitioners often leads to new approaches
- powerful conversations are as much about listening carefully to practicing educators as they are about talking
- within the one professional conversation, participants can clarify their understandings, share their successes and lessons learnt, identify new challenges and investigate solutions
- professional conversations give practitioners time to collaborate with each other, think, analyse and create the conditions for change
- facilitated conversations about professional practice can bring dramatic results, sometimes long after the conversations take place.

### Questions to guide the professional conversations

Set out below are some questions to stimulate your professional conversations today.

#### Conversation No.1: New practices in teaching, learning and assessment

1. Why are you here and what do you hope to gain from the Forum?
2. Which of the ideas cited in the pre-reading are relevant to your context?
3. How can a greater appreciation of professional judgment enrich your practice?

#### Conversation No. 2: The meaning of professional practice

1. What does professional judgment mean in VET?
2. Why do we need professional judgment in the context of Training Packages?
3. How could you use professional judgment better in the future?

#### Conversation No. 3: Combining judgment and new practices in the context of the AQTF

1. What challenges does the AQTF raise, for the use of professional judgment?
2. What opportunities does the AQTF raise, for the use of professional judgment?
3. How can practices be improved through better use of professional judgment?

#### Conversation No.4: Barriers and enablers to putting professional judgment into practice

1. In the past, what has impeded or assisted you in the use of professional judgment?
2. After today, what factors will *help or hinder* you in using professional judgment?
3. As a result of today, what three new things will you do when you return to your workplace?

As a group, you may wish to explore other questions raised by group members, relating to the presentation.

### PROCESS

- At your table, please appoint a chairperson to help manage the discussion and time.
- Appoint a scribe to record the discussion using the coloured paper with the relevant question on the clip board.
- Allow up to 7–10 minutes per question for discussion.



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