

ENGAGING VET PRACTITIONERS FORUMS – 2007



Developing Australia's VET workforce to implement the national training system

Reframing the Future is a major workforce development initiative of the Australian and State and Territory Governments. It assists in building the capacity of the Australian vocational education and training (VET) sector to support the implementation of the national training system and the aims of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and its national reform agenda.

Reframing the Future provides a professional learning framework for educational change, staff learning and organisational capability building in VET. It is a national program that complements other professional development programs offered in the sector.

The objective of the Reframing the Future Engaging VET practitioners subprogram in 2007 is to establish an ongoing forum for knowledge sharing and generation among VET practitioners and stakeholders in making effective professional judgments about continuous improvement.

Continuous Improvement in VET

Attend a forum that focuses on strategic approaches to the continuous improvement of registered training organisations.

The forums provide an opportunity for registered training organisations (RTOs) to consider ways of implementing integrated responses to the Council of Australian Governments directions and recent National Quality Council (NQC) changes including the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF 2007).

The specific aims are to:

- Support COAG's goal of enhancing human capital, by focusing initially on the human capital within VET organisations.
- Support NQC's aim of implementing AQTF 2007, especially the principle of continuous improvement in RTOs, in the context of current national priorities such as the use of rationalised Training Packages, RPL, skill sets and employability skills.
- Promote the effective skill development of VET practitioners and change management in RTOs to support the continuous improvement of:
 - products and services
 - organisational plans, strategies, cultures, structures and processes
 - external relationships, networks and impacts.

Who can participate?

Participants will be key influencers on continuous improvement in their organisation including:

- RTO middle to senior level managers, both educational and corporate
- RTO professional and organisational development managers
- RTO managers of teaching, learning and assessment
- Officers responsible for systemic quality and change.

To ensure there are opportunities for interaction participant numbers will be limited to 60 at each of the four forums.

Selected participants will be charged a registration fee of \$50.00 to offset the cost of catering. In some cases assistance may be provided by Reframing the Future for travel and accommodation costs.

Where and when?

Sydney

Thursday 9 August 2007
full day

Melbourne

Tuesday 14 August 2007
full day

Adelaide

Thursday 16 August 2007
full day

Perth

Wednesday 22 August 2007
full day

Two forums will also be held in **Brisbane** in November in conjunction with Reframing the Future's **New Ways of Working in VET Forum 4**.

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How to apply

Potential participants are invited to submit a short Expression of Interest (EOI).

An Expression of Interest (EOI) Form can be downloaded from www.reframingthefuture.net
To be considered for selection your completed EOI must be submitted online to Reframing the Future by COB Tuesday 17 July 2007.

Criteria for selection

- Level of experience and responsibility for implementing continuous improvement strategies in your organisation
- The extent of your commitment to further develop your own learning about continuous improvement approaches
- The extent of your commitment to influence continuous improvement approaches in your RTO and among VET practitioners.

If selected you will be required to

- Read documentation provided by Reframing the Future prior to the forum
- Participate actively in one of the face-to-face forums
- Aspire to use innovative strategies to achieve continuous improvement in your workplace
- Contribute to evaluations of the forum.

Some participants will be invited to give presentations at the national Reframing the Future **New Ways of Working in VET Forum 4** in Brisbane on 19 and 20 November.

Notification

All applicants will be notified by email about the success of their EOI by Tuesday 24 July. Successful applicants will be informed about venue locations and other details when notified.

Further information

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Benefits of attending

The forums are designed to:

- provide participants and their organisations with access to a set of proven methodologies that can support continuous improvement
- persuade and inspire participants that continuous improvement in RTOs will realise the aims of COAG and NQC and benefit all clients.



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