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Private Education Sector Welcomes New Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) today applauded the Federal Government’s release of its new Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), designed to build confidence in qualification outcomes, improve student pathways in education and increase the national and international mobility of graduates and workers.

The peak body said Australia’s high quality education and training providers would welcome the new framework’s focus on strengthening educational pathways and helping students to move through secondary and then tertiary education seamlessly.

ACPET CEO, Claire Field, said the private higher education sector already offers students the most seamless transition between courses, and institutions will welcome measures that help to simplify and streamline credit transfer arrangements that recognise learning undertaken with another provider.

“Modernising student pathways is crucial to ensuring Australia’s tertiary education sector keeps pace with the expectations of students and the changing needs of Australian industry,” she said.

“Students should have the opportunity to choose the kind of institution that’s right for them, and this new Australian Qualifications Framework will support that choice, while making it easier for students to progress through to higher and higher qualifications.”

“More than 80 non-university higher education institutions are also Registered Training Organisations, delivering vocational qualifications alongside higher degrees.”

“These organisations already provide great opportunities to students looking to embark on a pathway from school, through vocational education and training, then onto higher degrees.”

“ACPET wholeheartedly welcomes the new Australian Qualifications Framework, and we look forward to working with the Government and our members to assist in its smooth implementation.”

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