



The merits of diversity of the Australian VET sector: Demand driven and dual sector models

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Building a demand driven training system in Victoria

- Training places previously purchased from Registered Training Organisations
- *Securing Jobs for Your Future – Skills for Victoria* announced in August 2008.
- Direction is consistent with VET policy reforms debated at the national level.
- From 2012, with the introduction of entitlement-based funding for Higher Education, Victoria will be the only state with a universal entitlement to *tertiary* education.

Largest single package of additional investment in the training system - a total of \$316m

USER FOCUSED	▪ Workforce Development Program	\$52 m
	▪ Support to ITABs	\$4 m
	▪ Apprenticeship Retention Projects	\$2 m
	▪ Apprenticeship and Traineeship completion bonus	\$25 m
	▪ Eligibility exemptions	\$10 m
	▪ ACFE pre-accredited delivery	\$4 m
INFORMED USERS	▪ Redeveloped State Register, Qualifications Navigator	\$8 m
RESPONSIVE PROVIDERS	▪ Training on demand with contestable funding	\$139 m
	▪ Systems development and implementation support	\$39 m
STRENGTHENED CAPABILITY	▪ 21st Century Connectivity	\$20 m
	▪ More teachers, more skills	\$2 m
	▪ Stronger ACE providers	\$11 m
Total over four years		\$316 m

Skills for Life – the Victorian Training Guarantee

For the first time, all eligible Victorians will be guaranteed a place in training

Eligibility will be determined according to age and previous level of education

For people aged up to 20

***Victorian Training Guarantee* places will be available to all Victorians for training at any qualification level**

For people aged 20+

***Victorian Training Guarantee* places will be available to all Victorians for**

- **Foundation level skills**
- **Qualifications higher than those they already hold**

- \$139m for anticipated additional training delivered
- \$10m for exemptions from eligibility conditions

More providers delivering government funded training

- TAFE, Adult, Community and Further Education providers and other registered training organisations
- To access government funding, providers required to be:
 - financially viable
 - registered in Victoria with capacity to deliver on existing scope of registration
 - providers of quality training, demonstrated through satisfactory registration audit record and mandatory publication of all audit reports
 - compliant with the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard in provision of data

Dual sector institutions

- 4 “dual-sector” institutions (University of Ballarat, Victoria University, RMIT and Swinburne University)
- The Victorian Government is substantial provider of funds to its four dual sector institutions
- Pathways created through improved articulation, and multiple entry and exit points
- Consistent with the findings of the Bradley Review



Benefits of the dual sector model in Victoria

- Dual sector institutions are among the largest providers of VET training in Victoria
- A “one-stop institution” more responsive, with potential for re-entry
- Potential to support growth in Higher Education participation:
 - Commonwealth target of 40 per cent of 25-34 year olds to have a bachelor degree or higher by 2025
 - This will require a significant increase in enrolments from young people who are not school leavers.

Questions?