

# Education Industry Reference Committee

## Communiqué of meeting outcomes for the sector

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 8th August 2017
<b>Location</b>	PwC offices, Melbourne
<b>Meeting outcomes</b>	<p><b>Election of Chair and Deputy Chair</b> IRC members elected Jodi Schmidt as Chair and Andrew Shea as Deputy Chair.</p> <p><b>IRC governance training</b> The IRC participated in governance training provided by KPMG. This training focused on how members of the IRC could best contribute to the IRC’s work through their knowledge of the sector and their contacts, while managing potential conflicts of interest.</p> <p><b>Embedding the updated TAE Training Package in training practices</b> The IRC discussed how RTOs are embedding the updated TAE Training Package in training practices, noting that some concerns have been raised about the Training Package’s content being inconsistently interpreted, leading to variations in how training is delivered. The IRC noted the importance of taking care when developing training products to ensure that their content is readily understood and consistently interpreted.</p> <p><b>Updated trainer and assessor credential requirements</b> IRC members considered the recent changes to trainer and assessor credential requirements, including the requirement for all trainers and assessors to hold the units of competency TAEASS502 and TAELLN411 by 1 January 2019. The IRC noted the ongoing need to help the sector embed the update, and to ensure that future reviews of the TAE Training Package consider how to equip the VET workforce with appropriate skills in designing and developing assessment tools and in evaluating learners’ LLN requirements.</p> <p><b>Review of the Foundation Skills Training Package</b> The IRC considered draft recommendations for changes to training products in the Foundation Skills Training Package. These recommendations were formed based off industry consultation carried out by PwC’s Skills for Australia on behalf of the IRC. The IRC anticipates that a Case for Endorsement for changes to the Foundation Skills Training Package will be submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee in late 2017.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	The next meeting of the Education IRC is scheduled for the first week of October.
<b>Contact</b>	If you wish to get in touch with the Education IRC please contact PwC’s Skills for Australia at <a href="mailto:info@skillsforaustralia.com">info@skillsforaustralia.com</a> or on 1800 714 819.