
TDA POLICY NETWORK ON QUALITY REGULATION & COMPLIANCE (QRC) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) convened the Policy Network on Quality, Regulation and Compliance (QRC) following the TDA Convention 2019, *The Power of TAFE*, which sought to strengthen the way TDA members work together.

The collective expertise within this national network provides a powerful source of input into TDA's broader public policy and advocacy platform on issues related to quality, regulation and compliance.

This network generates significant benefits for TDA, its members and the vocational education and training (VET) sector more broadly by working intensively together to resolve some of the current and future challenges faced by RTOs.

The QRC network aims to improve the quality and relevance of TDA member programs by establishing and maintaining genuine supportive regulatory conversations. The QRC also pursues regulation reform which supports excellence and innovation.

QRC members work with and encourage Australian tertiary education regulators and policy departments to maintain an effective, efficient, regulated tertiary education sector through continuous improvement and recognition of quality practices.

Terms of Reference

1. Provide a national forum for discussion on issues relating to quality, regulation and compliance to:
 - Inform and support TDA's public policy and advocacy positions and reduce duplication of effort across the network in responding to these issues
 - inform and contribute to national VET reform agendas
 - provide strategic advice and a collective TDA-member view on issues relating to quality, regulation and compliance to relevant regulatory, government and industry stakeholders
 - Provide a conduit into and from relevant committees and working groups which members attend (e.g. ASQA provider roundtable and Stakeholder Liaison Group)
2. Share training product and assessment resources, processes and expertise to minimise the complexity, cost and impact of training package transitions on TDA member institutions and students

3. Promote best practice activities, including training and assessment within TDA member institutions and the VET sector more broadly
4. Cultivate excellence through self-assurance and continuous improvement processes and systems
5. Advocate through government, regulatory and industry partners for high quality training products
6. Share information, analysis and experiences to position Australian TAFEs as the benchmark for quality in VET both domestically and internationally.

Membership

Membership is open to all TDA members. Currently, all jurisdictions are represented on the network.

Sub-committees

The QRC may from time to time stand up sub-committees that contribute to deep dives and action on specific issues identified by QRC.

Meetings

The QRC will meet on a six-weekly basis. Additional meetings may be convened on an as needed basis. The Chair will monitor the meeting frequency and adjust accordingly depending on the needs of the network. TDA may stand in for the Chair if they are unavailable: In addition:

- the chair will rotate through the participating TDA members every two (2) years
- the group will meet through video conferencing and be supported administratively by TDA
- the group will liaise with relevant persons/organisations as required
- actions/outcomes will be recorded and decisions made by majority agreement.

Quorum

A quorum for the meeting shall consist of half the members, plus one.