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#### Skills Plan 2015 Update

The Skills Plan is entering a new phase. We are currently reviewing progress to date and re-establishing priorities with a view to seeking future funding. Over coming months my contracted hours for project work are reduced to 10 hours per week and until additional funding is obtained the project officer role will be to maintain current initiatives and to work with the sector to obtain funding. To engage stakeholders in the planning process an important step is to have people complete a quick survey - full details about this are below.

#### Skills Plan Future Direction Surveys

It has been almost 4 years since input was first sought for the establishment of the Skills Plan. It is now time to review progress and to seek input from the sector and RTOs on the priorities and focus for the next few years. The survey has been designed to be short and easy to answer, hopefully it will take you less than 5 minutes to complete! It would be appreciated if sector representatives and RTOs could complete this survey by the 31st January. Please click on the relevant link below. A reminder to complete the survey will be sent on the 23rd January.

[Link Sector](#)

[Link RTOs](#)

#### Early Childhood Digital Business Kit

The [Digital Business Kit](#) is a free online resource to help early childhood services get up to speed with technology and make the most of the digital world. It explores existing and new technologies that can support children's learning, professional development and business operations.

#### National Consultations

The VET Reform Taskforce is undertaking a round of national face-to-face consultations in every capital city throughout January and February 2015. The consultations sessions will be chaired by a member of the [Vocational Education and Training Advisory Board](#). **The Hobart session is scheduled for the 16th January.**

To coincide with the face-to-face sessions, a series of webinars will also be delivered by the Taskforce during this period. The purpose of the consultations is to discuss and listen to feedback from our stakeholders on two themes: priorities for VET Reform in 2015; and the [Review of Training Packages and Accredited Courses](#).

The Taskforce encourages a broad range of stakeholders to participate, including: employers, industry, industry and training peak bodies, registered training organisations, students and VET service providers.

Stakeholders are invited to take their place at the table, to have their say on VET reform and ensure that the training system is meeting the needs of Australian workplaces now and into the future.

You can register to attend a consultation session by clicking on this link:

<http://vetreform.industry.gov.au/events/national-consultations>

#### ASbA Update

At this stage 14 ASbAs have been offered across the state and feedback from participating services has been very positive about the quality of the majority of applicants. As part of our commitment to aspiring educators unsuccessful applicants have been provided with written feedback and also have the opportunity to attend an individual feedback session.

Planning for 'ASbA 2015' has already commenced with firm commitments of support from the Department of Education and the Beacon Foundation. Further information and a list of important dates will be provided soon!

#### Roundtable

The next Roundtable is scheduled for the 11th February and is an open meeting for any interested sector representatives and RTOs. A full agenda will be emailed out soon with an invitation to attend. Please keep this date free!



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#### Website of the Month—ACECQA Library

ACECQA has a range of resources available for educators, providers, services, families and regulatory authorities. [www.acecqa.gov.au/library](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/library)

#### Dates to Remember

##### January

16 VET Reform Consultation Hobart

##### February

5 school resumes

11 Roundtable meeting Campbell Town

23 Qualification Guide Implementation Workshop\* (North)

24 Qualification Guide Implementation Workshop\* (North/West)

25 Qualification Guide Implementation Workshop\* (South)

\*These sessions will be followed by a Leadership Workshop

Cheers  
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