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Skills Plan Update

Thank you to services and RTOs who took the time to complete the recent Skills Plan Future Direction Survey. The results of this survey showed strong sector support for the outcomes this project has been striving to achieve and the top four priorities for a future focus are:

- support for workforce planning and development
- recruitment and retention of high quality educators
- the quality of training, and
- improved literacy and numeracy of the educators currently employed

These results have been reflected in The Skills Plan Steering Committee's recently submitted an application to Skills Tasmania seeking additional funding to continue and expand the work of the Skills Plan. It is hoped that successful applications will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Career Awareness for High School & College Students & Australian School based Apprenticeship (ASbA) Project 2015

Planning for this project has just commenced and we will soon call for expressions of interest from services who would like to participate. The project involves year 10, 11 and 12 students having a staged and supported introduction to careers in Education and Care. Students who successfully complete the program will be invited to apply for school based traineeships that we would expect to commence in 2016.

Qualifications Guide

Services who participated in last week's Implementation Workshops received a copy of the new Qualifications Guide at the training. Other services should receive a copy over coming weeks. This guide is also being distributed to all high schools and colleges across Tasmania.

VET Reform

Throughout January and February 2015, the Assistant Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham hosted a series of face-to-face consultations on VET Reform in every capital city. Three webinars were also held to complement the face-to-face sessions.

The purpose of the consultations was to discuss and listen to feedback from stakeholders on two themes:

- priorities for future VET Reform; and
- the Review of Training Packages and Accredited Courses.

The summaries of each of these sessions are now available on the following website:

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

Website of the month www.allergyfacts.org.au

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Dates to Remember

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| 5 March | ECA Northern Regional Meeting
RSVP by 3 March to ECATAS@earlychildhood.org.au |
| 2 April | School holidays commence |
| 20 April | School resumes |
| 26 May | ECA State-wide Meeting 10am-3pm
RYCT Sandy Bay |

Cheers
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