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Plain English Workshops

The main goal in writing is to put your message across clearly and concisely. Readers want an effortless, readable and clear writing style. Plain English is clear English – it is simple and direct but not simplistic.

Do you have documents in your service that could be written in Plain English?
Would Plain English newsletters and policies be more accessible for your educators and parents?

To book a 26TEN Plain English Workshop contact Christina Roscoe on (03) 6165 5514 or email christina.roscoe@education.tas.gov.au

Workshops go for 3.5 hours, are free and participants get a free copy of Communicate Clearly: A guide to plain English.

Skills Action Plan for VET Reform

Recently, Minister for Industry, the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP chaired the second meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Industry and Skills Council in Adelaide. Ministers agreed on a number of priority actions to achieve a modern and responsive national regulatory system, with less red tape, for providers and training products including:

- to continue to work on apprenticeship harmonisation
- revised Standards for registered training providers and regulators, noting further work is required regarding the qualification for teachers of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- a review of training packages and accredited courses, and
- streamlining data reporting for training providers

Ministers also agreed to establish a National VET Complaints Hotline.

Visit [VET Reform website](#) or [COAG Industry and Skills Council 26 September 2014 communique](#) for further information.

EScan 2015 - Have your say

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC) is inviting industry stakeholders to provide input into the 2015 CS&HISC Environmental Scan (EScan).

They want to hear how changes in policy and service demand are impacting on the current and required community services and health workforce. If you have yet to do so, please complete the [quick online survey](#), which closes at **midnight on Thursday 16th of October 2014**.

In particular they would like to hear from Employers, Registered Training Organisations, peak bodies, unions and professional associations operating in the care industry.

Childcare centres blacklist accredited training organisations providing poor graduates

I have recently been sent the following link to an interesting news report by the ABC—well worth a read!

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-09-10/childcare-centres-blacklist-organisations-over-poor-training/5732270>

Roundtable

At the recent September meeting the sector and RTOs agreed that there are a number of projects that the two groups could work on collaboratively. As a result groups will be established at the next meeting to commence work on some of these initiatives. The Roundtable members will be inviting the broader sector to participate. Further details will be provided soon.

Minutes of the June meeting have been added to the Skills Plan website.

Dates to Remember

October

- 14 MAAP Launceston Workshop
- 15 MAAP Ulverstone Workshop
- 17 MAAP Hobart Workshop
- 21 Core Skills Development in your workplace Burnie w'shop

November

- 19 ECA Statewide - Hobart
- TBA Qualifications Guide Implementation Workshops

Cheers
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