

## ASSESSOR NETWORK

### ACTION STATEMENT

<b>Meeting held:</b>	7.30 am Friday 30 May 2008	
<b>Venue:</b>	Seminar Room, Wyllie Arthritis Foundation Building 17 Lemnos Street, SHENTON PARK	
<b>Present:</b>	Lisa Thorpe Darin Shepherd Merinda Richmond Anne-Maree Baker Rhoda Takiwa Neal McCleery Barry Welch Kelly Gray James Fallon Anne Smargiassi Neil Mills Christine Sparham Gary Adams Kate Babidge Rod Soulsby Anne Stocks Norma Nisbet Silvio Ranieri Andy Cosgrove Judy Reynolds	ASPAC Training ASPAC Training Australian Railroad Group Central West TAFE Challenger TAFE Flexible Learning Solutions Jobs West Jobs West Mission Australia Mission Australia (AAC) NAM Consultants PIPS CSSN Rio Tinto Rio Tinto Skilled Rail Spring into TGraining Transport & Storage ITC Transport & Storage ITC WA Driver Recruitment Westnet Rail
<b>Apologies:</b>	Greg Collis Brian Kakoschke Joan Galea Alan Meagher Carol Trim Vanessa van der Swaagh Veronica Keating Brian Forbes Peter McFadyen	CPB Group Earthworks Training Genesee & Wyoming GHD Nationwide Training Professional Placements WA Public Transport Authority Transport Training Centre WA Driver Recruitment

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<b>1</b>	<b>Business arising out of previous action statement</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<p><b>Changes to ADG Code 7</b> – A letter has been sent to DOCEP asking for a representative to address a meeting to discuss the changes to ADG codes. In response, Norma has been contacted by Dean Cunningham who is anxious to spread the word to as many people as possible. He has agreed to a presentation, either by himself or one of his staff. This will take approximately an hour.</p> <p>It was decided by members that it would be best to have the presentation following the next assessor meeting if possible, commencing at 9 am, so people who are involved with ADG7 can stay without involving the whole group.</p> <p>Norma will contact Dean Cunningham to confirm his availability for the next meeting and advise the members accordingly.</p>	NN

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<p><b>1.2 Moderation – to be discussed by Christine in her CAG report.</b></p> <p><b>1.3 Certificate IV funding</b> – Glenys has confirmed that new entrants can progress through to Certificate IV.</p> <p><b>1.4 Apprenticeship and Traineeship Policy Guidelines</b></p> <p>The Apprenticeship and Traineeship Policy Guidelines have recently been finalised and will soon be available to the public. Unfortunately they are not available on the web at present due to some technical issues however they should be up by the end of next week.</p> <p>The main points to note with the new policy guidelines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have been reformatted to make them more user friendly</li> <li>• Much of the RTO information from the previous guidelines has been removed, RTO operations should be compliant with the AQTF.</li> <li>• They now refer to recent reforms such as competency based training and part time apprenticeships</li> <li>• The time limit for articulation between qualifications has been raised from three months to six months</li> <li>• The existing worker section has been changed, notably the requirement to have an RPL assessment done prior to sign up has been removed.</li> </ul> <p>Amendments to the Industrial Training Regulations to institute a single apprenticeship and traineeship contract should come into effect in July.</p> <p>The new VET Act (intended to replace the Industrial Training Act) has been introduced into parliament.</p> <p>It is hoped to have Glenys at the next meeting to discuss the changes to the new policy and guidelines and Norma will arrange this.</p>	NN
<p><b>2 CAG Report – Christine Sparham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DET Funding updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The User Choice program is under review. A proposal has been put forward that would allow User Choice applications for all apprenticeships, not just the thin market industry areas, providing they address a skills shortage. If approved, this will go into effect in 2009 and will provide a wider range of options for private providers.</li> <li>• Competitive Allocations of Training (CAT) funding will be advertised in June/July for 2009 programs. There will also be an opportunity in January 2009 for successful applicants to review their funding arrangements and request modifications if required, including additional funding to run extra classes where demand is high, without having to make a new application.</li> <li>• A new category of CAT funding has been introduced - the Indigenous Training Support (ITS) Program. RTOs and Not for Profit Group Training Organisations (GTOs) can apply for funds for activities which aim to attract, engage and retain indigenous students.</li> <li>• From July 2008, Existing Worker Traineeships at Cert IV and above will be available for selected areas. Details to be released soon.</li> <li>• Free TAA training is now available to employers who supervise apprentices and trainees. Registration forms are available on the ApprentiCentre website.</li> <li>• From 2009, the School Apprenticeship Link (SAL) program will be open to both public and private RTOS.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast Track apprenticeships are under review so there may be some changes in this area.</li> <li>• A new scheme will be introduced later this year which offers free TAA training to employers and their staff who are involved in the supervision of trainees and apprentices. More details are available from the ApprenticeCentre website.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.1 Training Package Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Transport &amp; Logistics Issues register is now operational. All stakeholders are invited to provide feedback and suggestions relating to the Training Package via the register which can be accessed on the TLISC website at <a href="http://www.tlisc.com.au/index.php?menuID=109">http://www.tlisc.com.au/index.php?menuID=109</a>.</li> <li>• Also available is the Continuous Improvement Register. This contains a summary of the issues relating to the Maritime, Aviation and Transport &amp; Logistics training packages which have been raised through the register. It details the ISC's determination of priority level and their intended action. The register can be downloaded from the following web address: <a href="http://www.tlisc.com.au/resources/continuous_improvement_register.pdf">http://www.tlisc.com.au/resources/continuous_improvement_register.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><b>2.2 Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SkillsOne website has its virtual careers expo up and running. There are about 50 exhibitors listed so far including the Transport and Logistics Industry. The display includes links, videos and brochures which can be assessed through the SkillsOne website. Go to <a href="http://www.skillsone.com.au">www.skillsone.com.au</a> .</li> <li>• DET has issued five new PD resource booklets. These are available on line on the VETinfoNet website at <a href="http://www.vetinfo.net.det.wa.edu.au/progdev/resources.aspx">www.vetinfo.net.det.wa.edu.au/progdev/resources.aspx</a></li> </ul> <p><b>2.3 Moderation</b></p> <p>DET is in the process of setting up a new moderation/validation initiative. Each CSSN has been funded to establish a project which aims to set up a sustainable network for RTOs who are interested in building on their existing moderating and validation processes. Transport &amp; Logistics has been nominated as a priority area and should be involved in the first phase of the project later this year. Christine will keep us posted.</p>	
<p><b>3 Future of the ITC – Silvio Ranieri</b></p> <p>Silvio updated the group on the future of the ITC, following the State Training Board's amended recommendations. The ITC will not amalgamate with another ITC but will take on wholesaling which currently comes under the retailing ITC. There is currently little activity in this area. The current ITCs are funded until 31 October 2008 if joining the new arrangement, otherwise until 31 July 2008. The Committee of Management will meet to decide whether to accept the proposal and which course of action to take, and members will also be consulted.</p> <p>The ITCs will be made more accountable with an allocated amount. The funding has been allocated in bands ranging from \$500,000 to \$300,000 and the ITC will receive \$300,000. Money will also be made available for special projects. There will also be a representative from Government on the boards of all participating ITCs. Lyn Sherwood is the representative from our area.</p> <p>The full report is available on the ITC website: <a href="http://www.tsitc.asn.au/">http://www.tsitc.asn.au/</a></p>	
<p><b>4 General Business</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Productivity placements programme</b></p> <p>As part of its Skilling Australia for the Future initiative, the government recognises the importance of nationally endorsed training in assisting job seekers to acquire skills and gain lasting employment and assisting existing workers to update or upgrade their skills. The government has allocated 630,000 training places over five years to ensure that</p>	

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<p>Australians develop the skills that industry needs. The training places will be delivered in an industry-driven system, ensuring that training is more responsive to the needs of enterprises and individuals and will be available from 1 April 2008.</p> <p>Of the total training places, 392,000 will be allocated to job seekers. More information will be provided on the arrangements for Productivity Places for existing workers and apprentices in the near future. The training starts in April, with 20,000 training places being allocated for job seekers. Training for job seekers during this stage will be at Certificate II and III levels.</p> <p>Organisations wishing to offer approved qualifications under the Productivity Places Program must be able to meet the requirements of the program and submit a Request to Participate. Submissions to offer qualifications to job seekers at Certificate II and Certificate III can be made through the online system any time from 7 March 2008.</p> <p>Eddie from the ISC would like to know if there are RTOs in WA who want to learn about the Productivity Places Program. He will be coming to WA in a couple of weeks, and can talk in depth about the Phase 1 to a group, or more generally about Phase 2 on an individual basis. Two members expressed interest and this will be followed up.  <a href="http://www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au/home.htm">www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au/home.htm</a></p>	
<p><b>4.2 RPL Project – C Y O’Connor TAFE</b></p> <p>Anne-Maree Baker mentioned a project being run by Delia.Pascua-McGlew from C Y O’Connor TAFE which involves the RPL process relating to warehousing. She suggested that this CD could be showcased at the next meeting. Rhoda Takiwa from Challenger is also involved in a similar project so the two parties can discuss together. Norma will follow up on this.</p>	NN
<p><b>4.3 Other Matters</b></p> <p><b>Access to NTIS</b> - Several members indicated they had not been able to access the new training package on NTIS. Norma will follow up on this.</p> <p><b>Skill shortage - aviation and maritime</b> - Anne-Maree suggested that there were a lot of people with relevant qualifications exiting the defence forces and these could be tapped into by locating discharge areas and procedures in WA and advising people of the options in transport and logistics.</p> <p><b>Licences in new training package</b> – It was noted that the multicomination and medium rigid licences were not listed in the new training package. This will be followed up.</p>	NN NN NN
<p><b>5 Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 25 July 2008 at 7.30 am at the Wyllie Arthritis Foundation Building, 17 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park.</p>	