

RE: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Date Thu 15/08/2024 17:02
 To s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Cc s 22(1)(a)(ii)

DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Minister's Office has let us know today that they would like to drop this media release next Wednesday during Skills Week. He's also going to do some media interviews before the release drops.

I've updated the media release you sent through so it's on the Giles template. The only other bits I've done is cut the paragraph that was political (we have to keep it factual) and another line that was a bit convoluted.
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could get this cleared tomorrow that would be great, basically no changes so hopefully should be fairly easy. We need to get this to the MO Monday morning, so even better if it goes smoothly and we can shoot it off before the weekend.

[240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS.docx](#)

Let me know if you have any questions, happy to chat.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
 People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
 Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
 Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 9:00 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)

Thanks for the chat and the extra context regarding this MR.

Please see the updated draft attached.

We'd be happy to run it through our executive again once you've made your edits.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 VEI Regulation Policy | Quality and Regulation Branch
 Industry Engagement and Quality
 Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
 Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

The move follows new powers that came into force under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Amendent Act), passed by Parliament earlier this year.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is closely monitoring another 140 RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024 to resume quality training or face their registration lapsing.

From 1 July 2024, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to ASQA for an extension of the measurement period¹ to operate.

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

The Act seeks to better target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, and increases penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader campaign to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has also strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity initiatives.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

[ENDS]

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

Media contact: s 22(1)



For clearance - Dormant RTOs media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Date Fri 16/08/2024 16:17

To s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Hello!

For clearance – dormant RTOs media release.

This MR is very similar to the one cleared and sent to O'Connor a couple of months back, just updated with new figures and changed to reflect it is now post 1 July (the old one was to be released on 1 July so had language like (today X RTOs were deregistered).

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

From DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Date Fri 16/08/2024 16:47

To s 22(1)

Cc s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>;

📎 2 attachments (196 KB)

240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOs.docx; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi s 22(1)

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phones 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:55 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi team,

The MO have come back to us asking about more specific numbers when it comes to dormant RTOs – do we know about specific numbers and if saying “almost 150” is accurate?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

From: s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM
To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)
~~Media~~ Adviser
Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM
To: s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>;
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s
22(

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM

To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)

~~Media~~ Media Adviser

Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP

Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin

Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM

To: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>;

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch

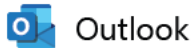
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



Fact check - ghost colleges [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Date Tue 20/08/2024 12:15
To DEWR Media <media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc s 22(1)(a)(ii)

1 attachments (100 KB)
240815 GILES DROP & MR 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED ZR (1).docx;

Hi all

Please see attached a final draft of the ghost college MR for tomorrow - there may still be slight tweaks.

Can I please get a fact check for any redline errors?

Thanks

s 22(1)
Média Adviser
Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)



**THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING**

MEDIA RELEASE

150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 'ghost colleges' have been shut down.

First uncovered by the *Braithwaite Review 2018*, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

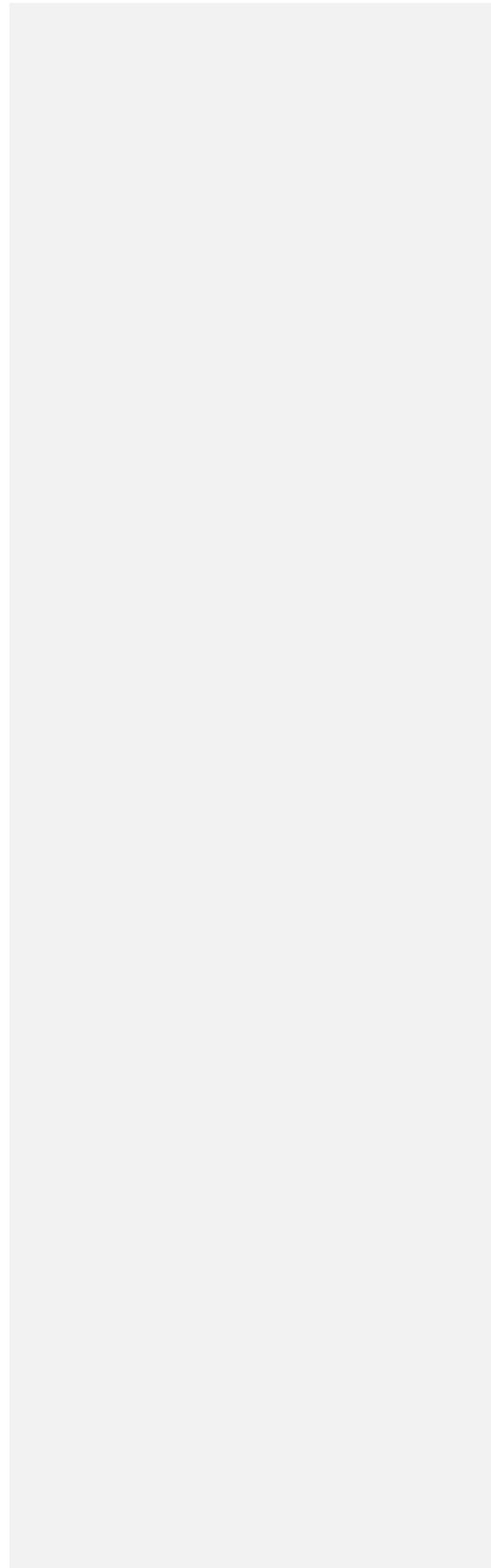
"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

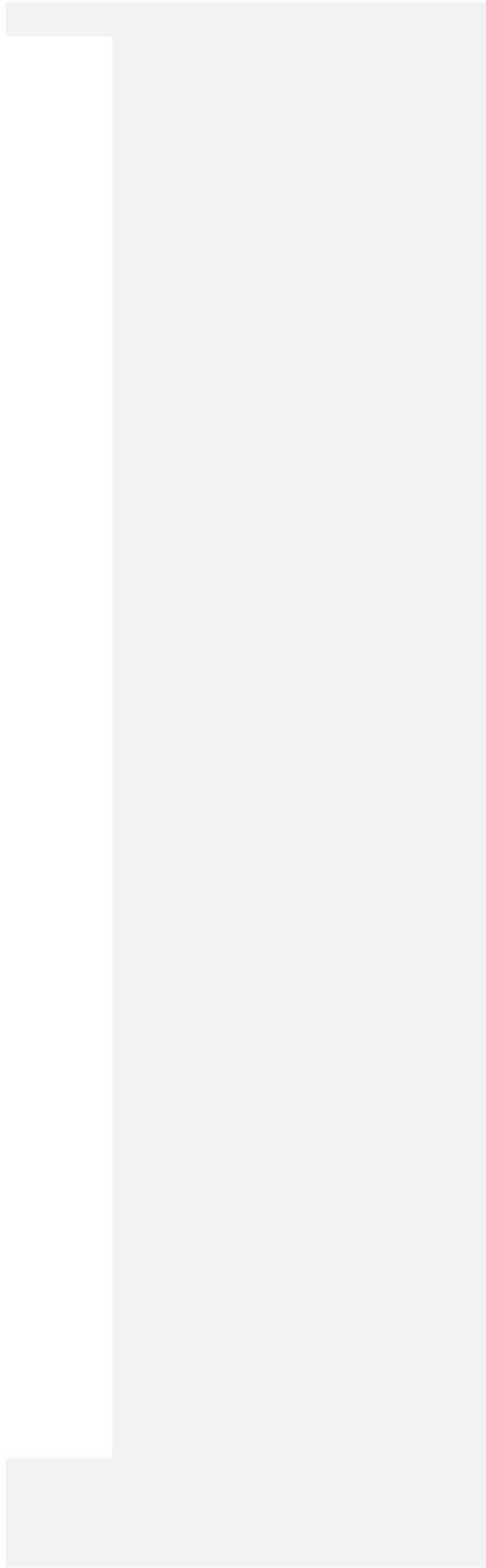
"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact: s 22(1)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING, THE HON ANDREW GILES MP:

“The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

“We’ve weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

“Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students.”

[ENDS]

Formatted: Footnote Reference, Font: 11 pt, Not Italic

Outlook

RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional

From s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

Date Tue 20/08/2024 13:54

To DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
s 22(1)

1 attachments (104 KB)

240815 GILES DROP MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR ASQA v2.docx;

Hi media team

As flagged, we and ASQA have made some amendments (marked up). These are intended to ensure accuracy. We're very happy to discuss with s directly, but can we ask you to please pass on?
22(

Thanks

s
47

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM

To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s thanks again for the chat and pinging s 22(1)(a)(ii)
I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s 22(1) on the details below – she has also just sent through a draft MR (attached) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?

Cheers
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM
To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)
~~Media~~ Adviser
Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM
To: s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>;
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s

22(

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



**THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING**

MEDIA RELEASE

150 GHOST COLLEGES are targeted as 150 RTOs lose registration ~~AXED~~

Formatted: Font: 18 pt

Commented [A1]: They may not all be 'ghost colleges'.

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 providers have had their registration lapse after not delivering training. This targets the integrity risk posed by dormant Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). This includes 'ghost colleges' have been shut down that seek to use registration as a veil offer legitimacy for fraudulent activity.

First uncovered The integrity- risks posed by dormant providers was first identified by the Braithwaite Review 2018, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

Commented [A2]: The Braithwaite review recommendation wasn't framed around exploitation/fraud etc

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye to these risks, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning are on notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or lose their registration, face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

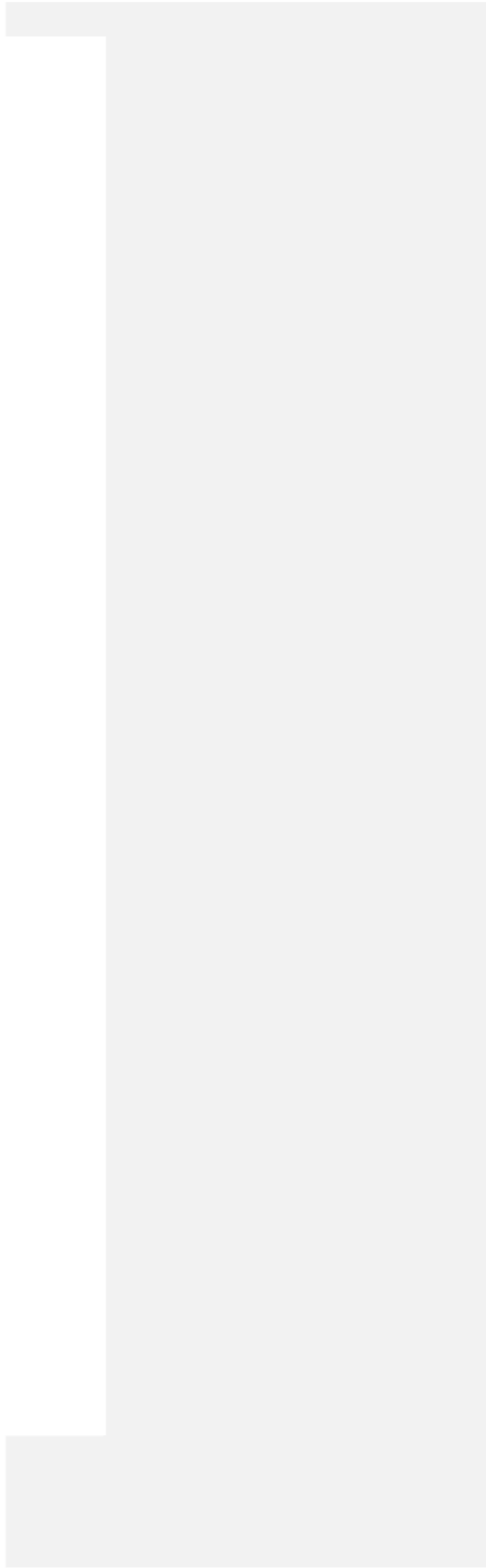
"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant RTO operators, and 140 more ~~have been given a yellow card~~ are on notice.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING, THE HON ANDREW GILES MP:

“The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

“We’ve weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

“Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students.”

[ENDS]

Formatted: Footnote Reference, Font: 11 pt, Not Italic

Outlook

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

W: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional

From DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Date Tue 20/08/2024 14:18

To s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

DEWR -

Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

1 attachments (104 KB)

240815 GILES DROP MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR ASQA v2.docx;

Hi s

22(

The line area has sent through their fact check on the media release (attached).

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch

People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 1:54 PM

To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

W: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional

informati

Hi media team

As flagged, we and ASQA have made some amendments (marked up). These are intended to ensure accuracy. We're very happy to discuss with s directly, but can we ask you to please pass on?

22(

Thanks

s
47

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM

To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d), s
47F(1)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

-W: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional

informati

Hi s thanks again for the chat and pinging s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s on the details below – she has also just sent through a draft MR (attached) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?

Cheers
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:50 AM

To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)

s 47E(d), s

s 22(1)

Cc: s 22(1)

Subject: Urgent - s 22(1)(a)(ii)

W: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi team,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It's quite urgent as the MR is going live in the morning.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch

People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM
To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)
~~Media~~ Adviser
Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM
To: s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>;
HOWIE,Stuart <Stuart.Howie@dewr.gov.au>
Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s
22(

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



**THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING**

MEDIA RELEASE

150 GHOST COLLEGES are targeted as 150 RTOs lose registration ~~AXED~~

Formatted: Font: 18 pt

Commented [A1]: They may not all be 'ghost colleges'.

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 providers have had their registration lapse after not delivering training. This targets the integrity risk posed by dormant Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). This includes 'ghost colleges' have been shut down that seek to use registration as a veil offer legitimacy for fraudulent activity.

First uncovered The integrity- risks posed by dormant providers was first identified by the Braithwaite Review 2018, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

Commented [A2]: The Braithwaite review recommendation wasn't framed around exploitation/fraud etc

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye to these risks, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning are on notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or lose their registration, face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

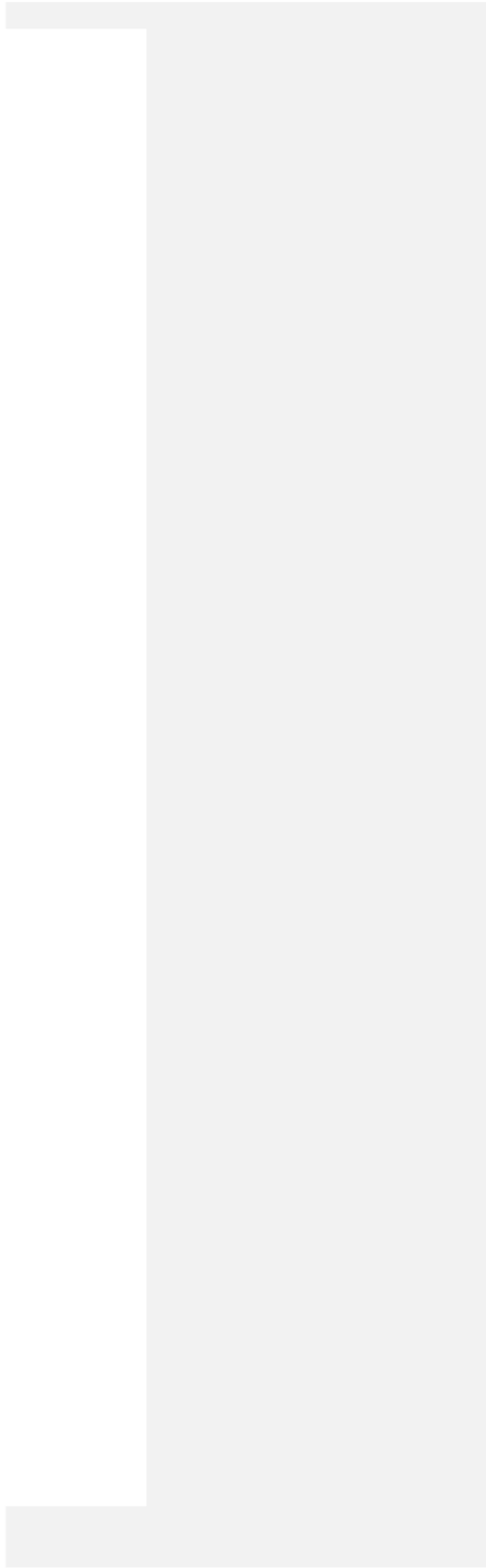
"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant RTO operators, and 140 more ~~have been given a yellow card~~ are on notice.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING, THE HON ANDREW GILES MP:

“The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

“We’ve weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

“Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students.”

[ENDS]

Formatted: Footnote Reference, Font: 11 pt, Not Italic



FINAL - Dormant Colleges MR [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Date Tue 20/08/2024 23:01
 To s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Cc s 22(1)(a)(ii) DFWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>; s 47E(d)
 s 47E(d) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi all

Below is the final MR upload please. I'll be distributing around 0530.

Thank you!

s 22(1)

Media Adviser
 Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
 Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
 Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)



THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
 MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING

MEDIA RELEASE

OVER 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that over 150 'ghost colleges' have been shut down.

The *Braithwaite Review 2018* first uncovered serious integrity issues in Australia's VET sector which were rampant under the former Liberal and National Government.

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering

training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

"We've weeded out and shut down over 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

MEDIA CONTACT

s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 4:30 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: URGENT: updated figures for media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Dormant providers MR.docx

Thanks^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Apologies – I didn't see the link to the old version of the MR when I read your earlier email so I hadn't realised the updated version hadn't made it to the media people.

I've made some further edits and comments which I think in a couple of places we should confirm back with ASQA. I can loop back with it in response to s 22(1) email below. I think this captures all of s 47E(d) feedback.

s
47E

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 3:47 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: URGENT: updated figures for media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s
47E

For your approval to provide to DEWR Media.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)
s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 1 July 2024

Dozens Over 100 dormant of inactive VET providers removed from no longer in the sector

The Australian-Albanese Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers who are not actively providing training or assessment.

Today ~~This month~~, ~~103~~ ~~m~~ More than 100 registered training providers (RTOs) will have their registration automatically lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

The move follows ~~This move puts into force measures amendments to from the~~ *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year~~4~~.

Those amendments provide for an automatic lapse of a registered training organisation's (RTO) registration where the RTO has not delivered training and/or assessments for 12 consecutive months from any date on or after 1 January 2023.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024. ~~to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse. This reflects the 141 DECISIONS we have made to extend the measurement period for this transitional cohort.~~

~~This commonsense measure was recommended to the Coalition Government in 2018 – but they sat on their hands. The Albanese Government has now taken action to address the~~ The measure addresses integrity risks posed by some dormant RTOs that use their registration as a veil of legitimacy for fraudulent activity, to circumvent regulatory requirements or ~~who those do not not demonstrating demonstrate a genuine commitment to training delivery.~~

~~From 1 July 2024, To to remain registered from today (1 July 2024), an RTO provider who has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months between 1 January 2023 and 1 July 2024 must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension (certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights).~~

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where ~~the reason is outside an RTO's control (such as natural disasters), and where the an RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment, but has legitimate, reasonable justification for not doing.~~ No further extensions are available after that.

ASQA received 225 applications for extensions for providers whose registrations lapsed today (1 July 2024). ASQA is assessing those applications. ~~This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.~~

The Act builds on the Albanese Government's broader steps to boost in integrity and quality in the VET sector. The Government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those

Commented [A1]: I assume the media team will transfer to a new template

Commented [A2] ^{s 47E(d)} I assume it's no longer true to say 'this month'?

Commented [A3]: Figures TBC, as per discussions between ASQA and the MO

Commented [A4R3] ^{s 47E(d)} 13/08 Are ASQA happy with the figures as per the July draft MR and how they are presented?

Commented [A5] ^{s 47E(d)} Should this be 'have had'?

Commented [A6] ^{s 47E(d)} This is from ^{s 47E(d)} email and it refers to decisions by ASQA.

Commented [A7] ^{s 47E(d)} added per ^{s 47E(d)} suggestion, noting that she had also put forward the option of including this as a footnote.

Formatted: Font: Not Italic

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Brendan O'Connor Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 103-100 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class in-our-great VET sector."

Commented [A8]: Figures TBC, as per discussions between ASQA and the MO

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

[ENDS]

Media contact s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 8:17 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: FW: URGENT: dormant providers media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Dormant providers MR.docx

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A further edit from s 47E(d), s 47F(1) in the attached. Hopefully we get the all clear from ASQA this morning but I'd suggest reaching out to s 22(1) to see if she can wait past 9 for their final ok on our edits from yesterday afternoon.

s 47E(d).

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 5:33 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Subject: RE: URGENT: dormant providers media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Just a couple of minor suggested edits otherwise all good.

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 5:02 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Subject: URGENT: dormant providers media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

You might recall that a while back s 22(1) had commissioned a media release on dormant providers and there was some back and forth directly with ASQA on input and framing. The new MO have now asked for an urgent check/update as they are now keen to move on this MR (media have asked for it back by COB today/9am tomorrow). The attached includes all of s 47E(d) previous feedback and is back with ASQA to confirm no further edits are required. I thought best to send to you in parallel. If you have no concerns and ASQA have no concerns we'll progress it to the media team.

s
 47
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 8:25 AM
To: S 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: URGENT: updated figures for media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

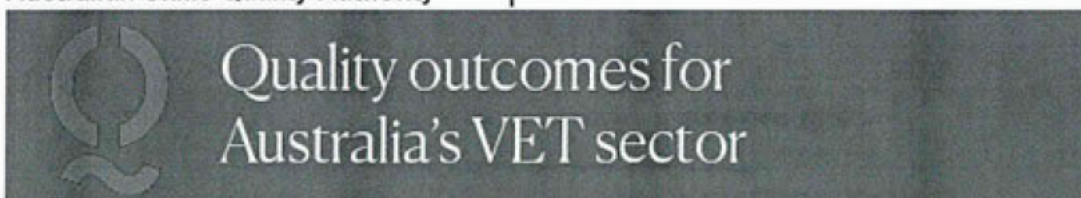
Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached s 47E(d) responses to the queries in the draft media release.

Thanks
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer
 Governance, Communications and
 Parliamentary
 Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 4:14 PM
To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Cc: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FW: URGENT: updated figures for media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d), s 47 reviewed and made some further edits and comments, would you mind confirming that ASQA are comfortable with them?

Thanks,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 1 July 2024

~~Dozens Over 100 dormant of inactive VET providers removed from no longer in the sector~~

The Australian ~~Albanese~~ Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers who are not actively providing training or assessment.

~~Today This month, 103 m~~ More than 100 registered training providers (RTOs) will have had their registration automatically lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

~~The move follows This move puts into force measures amendments to from the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024 (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year+1.~~

~~Those amendments provide for an automatic lapse of a registered training organisation's (RTO) registration where the RTO has not delivered training and/or assessments for 12 consecutive months from any date on or after 1 January 2023.~~

~~ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse. This reflects the 141 DECISIONS we have made to extend the measurement period for this transitional cohort.~~

~~This commonsense measure was recommended to the Coalition Government in 2018 – but they sat on their hands. The Albanese Government has now taken action to address the. The measure addresses integrity risks posed by some dormant RTOs that use their registration as a veil of legitimacy for fraudulent activity, to circumvent regulatory requirements or who those do not demonstrating demonstrate a genuine commitment to quality training delivery.~~

~~From 1 July 2024, To to remain registered, from today (1 July 2024), an RTO provider who has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months between 1 January 2023 and 1 July 2024 must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period (certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights).~~

~~ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the reason is outside an RTO's control (such as natural disasters) and where the an RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment, but has legitimate, reasonable justification for not doing. No further extensions are available after that.~~

~~ASQA received 225 applications for extensions for providers whose registrations lapsed today (1 July 2024). ASQA is assessing those applications. This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.~~

~~The Act builds on the Albanese Government's broader steps to boost in integrity and quality in the VET sector. The Government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those~~

Commented [A1]: I assume the media team will transfer to a new template

^{s 47E(d)}
Commented [A2]: I assume it's no longer true to say "this month"?

Commented [A3]: Figures TBC, as per discussions between ASQA and the MO

Commented [A4R3]: ^{s 47E(d)} 3/08 Are ASQA happy with the figures as per the July draft MR and how they are presented?

Commented [A5R3]: Yes, there is no change at this stage to figures provided to MO in July - figures are moving around, including due to internal review but it is till "more than 100" and "more than 140"

^{s 47E(d)}
Commented [A6]: Should this be "have had"?

Commented [A7R6]: Yes, "have had"

^{s 47E(d)}
Commented [A8]: This is from ^{s 47E(d)}mail and it refers to decisions by ASQA.

Commented [A9]: ^{s 47E(d)} added per ^{s 47E(d)} suggestion, noting that she had also put forward the option of including this as a footnote.

Commented [A10R9]: This would probably still be better as a footnote

Formatted: Font: Not Italic

owning and managing RTOs and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity, which supported the establishment of an Integrity Unit within ASQA, the upgrade ASQA's digital and data systems, and created a tip-off line to detect and address unacceptable and egregious RTO conduct.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Brendan-O'Connor/Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 403,100 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class in our great VET sector."

Commented [A11]: Figures TBC, as per discussions between ASQA and the MO

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

[ENDS]

Media-contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 9:00 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Dormant providers MR.docx

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the chat and the extra context regarding this MR.

Please see the updated draft attached.

We'd be happy to run it through our executive again once you've made your edits.

Thanks 😊

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

VET Regulation Policy | Quality and Regulation Branch
Industry Engagement and Quality
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their contin waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
Minister for Skills and Training

Commented [A1]: I assume the media team will transfer to a new template

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 1 July 2024

Over 100 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Albanese Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 100 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

This commonsense measure was recommended to the Coalition Government in 2018 – but they sat on their hands. The Albanese Government has now taken action to address the integrity risks posed by dormant RTOs that use their registration as a veil of legitimacy for fraudulent activity, to circumvent regulatory requirements or who do not demonstrate a genuine commitment to quality training delivery.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Albanese Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector. The Government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity, which supported the establishment of an Integrity Unit within ASQA, the upgrade ASQA's digital and data systems, and created a tip-off line to detect and address unacceptable and egregious RTO conduct.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

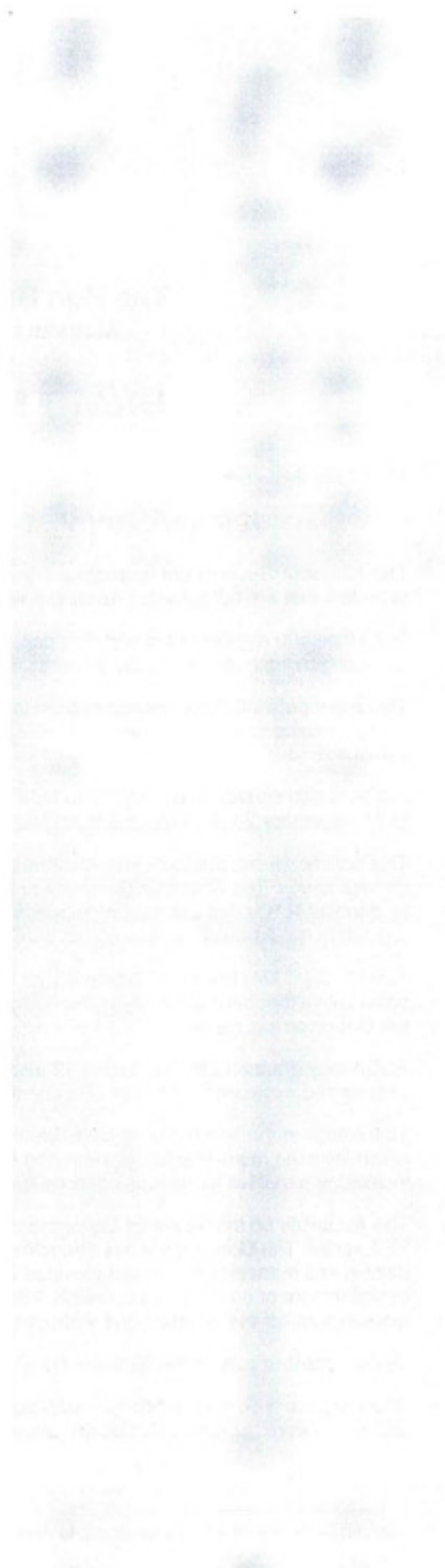
"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

"We have weeded out more than 100 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector.

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

[ENDS]



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 6:06 AM
To: Coordination - ASQA
Cc: s 47F(1), s 22(1), s 47E(d)
Subject: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS.docx

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director
VET Regulation Policy | VET Quality & Regulation Branch
Industry Engagement & Quality Division | DEWR
Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Mobile



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 100 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 100 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 100 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights

[ENDS]

s 22(1)

Media contact:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 2:04 PM
To: s 22(1), s 47F(1), s 47E(d)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ASQA - DEP
CEO
Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS v3.docx

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer
Governance, Communications and
Parliamentary
Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 5:36 AM

To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning Everyone,

DEWR Media have advised that the Minister's Office would like to drop this media release next Wednesday during Skills Week, he's also going to do some media interviews before the release drops. Please find attached the updated media release circulated earlier this week for **final clearances**.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could please provide both the media release clearances/final input and also the data as requested by **cob today**, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director
VET Regulation Policy | VET Quality & Regulation Branch
Industry Engagement & Quality Division | DEWR
Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Mobile



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 100-140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 100-140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 130-140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 100-140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 2:11 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS v3.docx

There's a typo in the amendment act title – para 3. Have made the edit in the attached.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)
s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-
DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

• updated media release
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer
Governance, Communications and
Parliamentary
Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 5:36 AM

To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning Everyone,

DEWR Media have advised that the Minister's Office would like to drop this media release next Wednesday during Skills Week, he's also going to do some media interviews before the release drops. Please find attached the updated media release circulated earlier this week for **final clearances**.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could please provide both the media release clearances/final input and also the data as requested **by cob today**, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director
VET Regulation Policy | VET Quality & Regulation Branch
Industry Engagement & Quality Division | DEWR
Phones s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Mobile



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 100,140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 100,140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the *Amendment Act*) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 130,140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 100,140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

Media contact: s 22(1)

[Faint, illegible text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-

DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer
Governance, Communications and
Parliamentary
Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over ~~400~~140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than ~~400~~140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than ~~130~~140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than ~~400~~140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

s 22(1)

Media contact:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 2:18 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)
Subject: FW: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS v3.docx; Talking Points - RTO Compliance - Lapsing MR - Augus 2024.docx

Hi ^{s 47E(d), s},

For your approvals – attached is the final Media Release which includes amendments from ASQA, and below is additional information requested from the Minister's Office, via DEWR Media

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

DEWR Media have also advised that the **MO have requested this media release by cob today** ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy to chat if you'd prefer.

Thanks
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)
 s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 400-140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 400-140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 130-140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 400-140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - DEP CEO <[ASQA-](mailto:ASQA-DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au)

DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From: s 22(1)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 5:36 AM
To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 47E(d) ; 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning Everyone,

DEWR Media have advised that the Minister's Office would like to drop this media release next Wednesday during Skills Week, he's also going to do some media interviews before the release drops. Please find attached the updated media release circulated earlier this week for final clearances.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could please provide both the media release clearances/final input and also the data as requested by cob today, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Director
VET Regulation Policy | VET Quality & Regulation Branch
Industry Engagement & Quality Division | DEWR
Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Mobile:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-

DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks


s 22(1)(a)(ii)

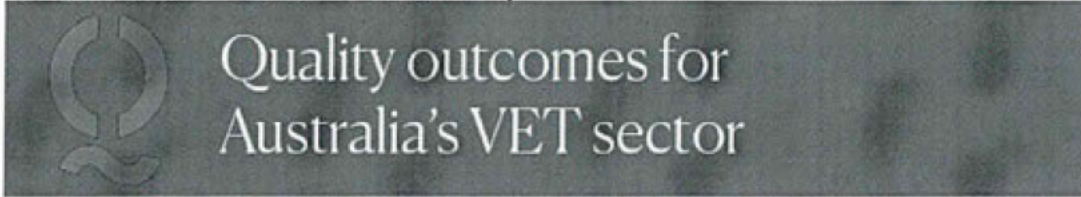
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer


Governance, Communications and
Parliamentary

Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 5:36 AM

To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning Everyone,

DEWR Media have advised that the Minister's Office would like to drop this media release next Wednesday during Skills Week, he's also going to do some media interviews before the release drops. Please find attached the updated media release circulated earlier this week for **final clearances**.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could please provide both the media release clearances/final input and also the data as requested by **cob today**, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director

VET Regulation Policy | VET Quality & Regulation Branch

Industry Engagement & Quality Division | DEWR

Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mobile

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 3:24 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Subject: RE: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS v3.docx

Hi s 47E(d), s

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you're happy - I've drafted the email below to be sent back to s 22(1)(a)(ii) by cob today.

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii),

The attached media release on dormant RTOS has been reviewed and cleared by both ASQA and s 47E(d), s 47F(1), FAS.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 5:03 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

DEWR -

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Minister's Office has let us know today that they would like to drop this media release next Wednesday during Skills Week. He's also going to do some media interviews before the release drops.

I've updated the media release you sent through so it's on the Giles template. The only other bits I've done is cut the paragraph that was political (we have to keep it factual) and another line that was a bit convoluted.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could get this cleared tomorrow that would be great, basically no changes so hopefully should be fairly easy. We need to get this to the MO Monday morning, so even better if it goes smoothly and we can shoot it off before the weekend.

 [240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS.docx](#)

Let me know if you have any questions, happy to chat.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) |
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phones s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 9:00 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc:

Subject: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

H | s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the chat and the extra context regarding this MR.

Please see the updated draft attached.

We'd be happy to run it through our executive again once you've made your edits.

Thanks 😊

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

VET Regulation Policy | Quality and Regulation Branch

Industry Engagement and Quality

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 400-140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 400-140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the *Amendment Act*) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 130-140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our "current" monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 400-140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

Media contact s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 3:56 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) : Coordination - ASQA s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Media Release - Lapsed RTOs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS v3.docx

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The attached media release on dormant RTOS has been reviewed and cleared by both ASQA and s 47E(d), s 47F(1), FAS.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over ~~100~~140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than ~~100~~140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the *Amendment Act*) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than ~~130~~140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than ~~100~~140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d);
s 47E(d), s 47F(1); s 22(1)(a)(ii);
s 22(1)(a)(ii); ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii);
s 22(1)(a)(ii); ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-
DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer
Governance, Communications and
Parliamentary
Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over 100,140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than 100,140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than 130,140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than 100,140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

Media contact: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

[REDACTED]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:55 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Subject: FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi team,

The MO have come back to us asking about more specific numbers when it comes to dormant RTOs – do we know about specific numbers and if saying “almost 150” is accurate?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their contin waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

From: RANGANATHAN,Zoe s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM
To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au> s 47E(d) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media Adviser
Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM

To: s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) DEWR - Media
<media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s
22(1)

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 19 August 2024 1:26 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d) ; s 47E(d), s 47F(1) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; ASQA - CEO; s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; ASQA - DEP
CEO
Subject: FW: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 DRAFT GILES MR - DORMANT RTOS v3.docx

s 22(1)(a)(ii): are you able to assist here? I have put the two requests together.

- The MO have asked more specific numbers in relation to dormant RTO's – they'd like to be able to say 'around 150'. but wanted to check for accuracy as the advice on Friday was 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 1:05 PM
To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)
s 47E(d), s 47F(1) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-
DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Team,

The MO have asked more specific numbers in relation to dormant RTO's – they'd like to be able to say 'around 150', but wanted to check for accuracy as the advice on Friday was 140.

Would someone be able to let me know as soon as possible?

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:04 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au> s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

; ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-

DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Media Release - Lapsed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

H s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached the CE cleared response with:

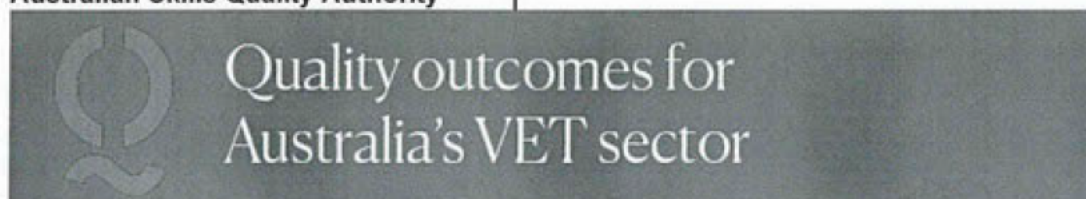
- updated media release

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Parliamentary and Coordination Officer
Governance, Communications and
Parliamentary
Australian Skills Quality Authority

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.



The Hon. Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Over ~~100~~140 dormant VET providers no longer in the sector

The Australian Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers that are not actively providing training or assessment.

More than ~~100~~140 registered training providers (RTOs) have had their registration lapse after not delivering training for 12 months or more.

This move puts into force measures from the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in VET No. 1) Act 2024* (the Act) that were passed by Parliament earlier this year.

ASQA is also closely monitoring more than ~~130~~140 further RTOs that have been granted an extension up to 31 December 2024, to resume quality training or their registration will also lapse.

From 1 July 2024, to remain registered, an RTO that has not delivered training or assessment for 12 consecutive months must apply to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for an extension of the measurement period.¹

ASQA may grant an extension up to 12 months where the RTO is genuinely committed to providing training and assessment. No further extensions are available after that.

This enacts in the final measure from the Act to target unscrupulous and non-genuine providers, which included more effectively prohibiting false or misleading representations by RTOs and increasing penalties for various offences five-fold.

The Act builds on the Australian Government's broader steps to boost integrity and quality in the VET sector.

The government has strengthened the Fit and Proper Person Requirements for those owning and managing RTOs, and provided \$37.8 million for VET integrity.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"Most providers do the right thing – and they, along with students, industry and the wider community, will benefit from the removal of dodgy providers who undermine the integrity and trust in VET."

"We have weeded out more than ~~100~~140 dormant providers, which is part of ensuring the continued trust and effective regulation of our world-class VET sector."

"Our legislation has given ASQA more powers to scrutinise providers and ensure they are doing the right thing, so no providers compromise the integrity of the VET sector."

Commented [A1]: Note this has decreased as this is our 'current' monitoring list (ie some have returned to delivery already)

¹ certain decisions by ASQA are subject to review rights.

[ENDS]

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 12:25 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1) s 22(1)
Cc: DEWR - Media
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review -
Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 GILES DROP & MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR (1).docx

Hi s thanks again for the chat and pinging s 22(1)(a)(ii)
I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s on the details below – she has also just sent through a
draft MR (attached) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?

Cheers
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



**THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING**

MEDIA RELEASE

150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 'ghost colleges' have been shut down.

First uncovered by the *Braithwaite Review 2018*, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

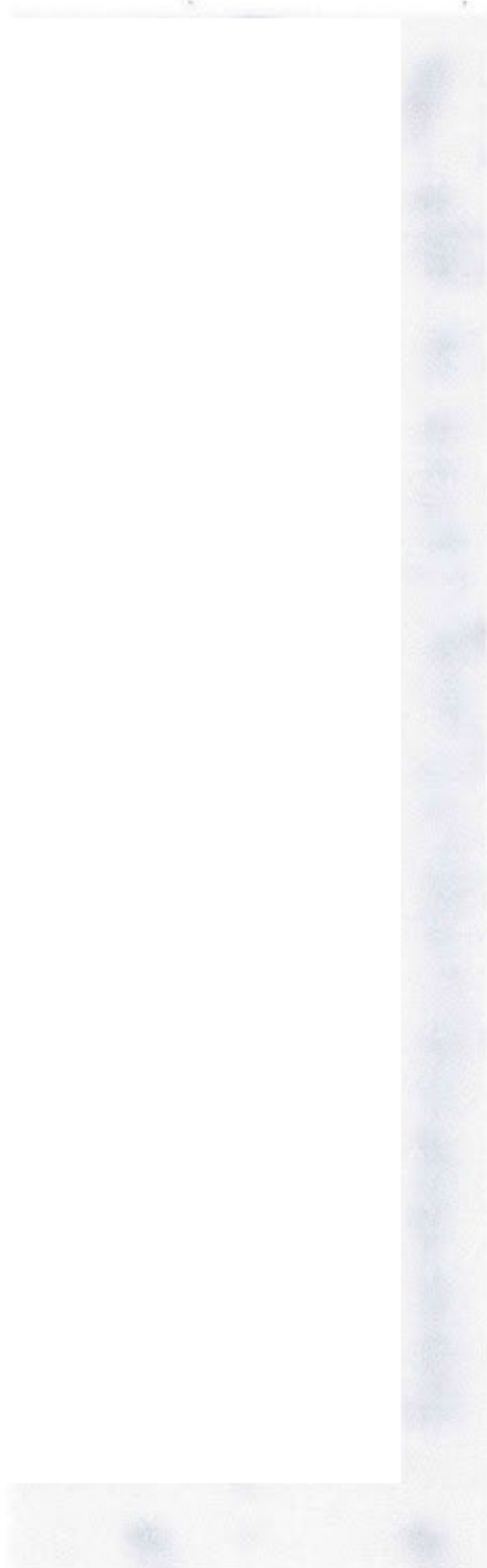
"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 1:09 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) Coordination - ASQA; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ASQA - CEO; ASQA - DEP CEO; s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review -
 Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 GILES DROP MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR ASQA v2.docx

Hi s
 47E(

As discussed, please see updated version in consultation with you and s 22(1)(a)

Kind Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

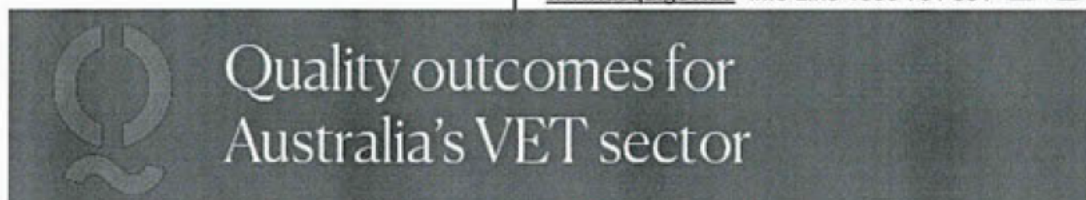
A/Executive Director

Quality and Program Support Group
 Australian Skills Quality Authority

P s 22(1)(a)(ii)

M

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

 ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:38 PM
To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release
 and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all and as flagged with s 22(1)(a)(ii) the revised MR has come through for urgent fact checking. I think there's probably some redline issues here. I've made some quick comments in the attached, appreciate ASQA's

review and any suggested amendments s 22(1)(a)(ii) prob still useful to talk through with the Media Adviser, but I'd suggest you review this first so we can discuss with her.

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM

To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release

and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s thanks again for the chat and pinging s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s on the details below – she has also just sent through a draft MR (attached) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:50 AM

To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and

additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi team,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It's quite urgent as the MR is going live in the morning.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch

People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phones s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM
To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)

Media Adviser

Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP

Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin

Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM

To: s 22(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d) DEWR - Media

<media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s

22(1)

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch

People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phones s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



**THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING**

MEDIA RELEASE

150-GHOST COLLEGES are targeted as 150 RTOs lose registration-AXED

Formatted: Font: 18 pt

Commented [A1]: They may not all be 'ghost colleges'.

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 providers have had their registration lapse after not delivering training. This targets the integrity risk posed by dormant Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). This includes 'ghost colleges' have been shut-down that seek to use registration as a veil for legitimacy for fraudulent activity.

~~First-uncovered~~This risk was first identified by the *Braithwaite Review 2018*, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

Commented [A2]: Messaging has previously suggested it's a minority of non-genuine and unscrupulous providers - risk of tarring the sector more broadly.

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

Commented [A3]: Unless they seek review and provide satisfactory evidence.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning are on notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or lose their registration, face ~~de-registration~~. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Commented [A4]: I don't think it's quite right to say 'de-registration' is it?

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant RTO operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card are on notice.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)

s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 1:27 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review -
 Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 GILES DROP MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR ASQA v2.docx

Not sure about the line:

This risk was first identified by the Braithwaite Review 2018.

Braithwaite's was not about fraudulent activity but rather greater scrutiny on new providers:

Recommendation 6: The Australian Government amends the legislative framework to ensure greater scrutiny of new providers to:

- **provide that where an RTO without reasonable justification does not commence providing training within 12 months of being registered, or during its registration ceases to provide training for a 12-month period, its registration automatically lapses, meaning that it would no longer be registered.**
- **prevent RTOs changing the scope of the courses they deliver where an RTO has been operating for less than 12 months.**

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 1:09 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>;
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>;
 s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d) s 22(1)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release
 and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s
 47E(

As discussed, please see updated version in consultation with you and s 22(1)(a)

Kind Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/Executive Director

Quality and Program Support Group
 Australian Skills Quality Authority

P s 22(1)(a)(ii)

M

www.asqa.gov.au Info Line 1300 701 801  



Quality outcomes for Australia's VET sector

The Australian Skills Quality Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.

ASQA is a place where people of LGBTQIA+ communities are welcomed and supported.

From s 47E(d)

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:38 PM

To: Coordination - ASQA <Co-ordination@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: ASQA - CEO <CEO@asqa.gov.au>; ASQA - DEP CEO <ASQA-DEPCEO@asqa.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FW: Urgent - MO needs some background on appeal process FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all and as flagged with s 22(1) the revised MR has come through for urgent fact checking. I think there's probably some redline issues here. I've made some quick comments in the attached, appreciate ASQA's review and any suggested amendments. s 22(1)(a)(ii) prob still useful to talk through with the Media Adviser, but I'd suggest you review this first so we can discuss with her.

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM

To: s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Urgent - MO needs some background on appeal process FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 47E(d) thanks again for the chat and pinging s 22(1)

I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s 47E(d) on the details below - she has also just sent through a draft MR (attached) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:50 AM

To: s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Subject: Urgent - MO needs some background on appeal process FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi team,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It's quite urgent as the MR is going live in the morning.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) |
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
PhoneS 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their contin
waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM
To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 47E(d) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)
 Media Adviser
 Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP
 Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin
 Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM
To: s 22(1) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 47E(d) ; DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) 1
Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch
Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)
dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their contin waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING

MEDIA RELEASE

150-GHOST COLLEGES are targeted as 150 RTOs lose registration-AXED

Formatted: Font: 18 pt

Commented [A1]: They may not all be 'ghost colleges'.

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 providers have had their registration lapse after not delivering training. This targets the integrity risk posed by dormant Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). This includes 'ghost colleges' have been shut-down that seek to use registration as a veil for legitimacy for fraudulent activity.

First-uncovered This risk was first identified by the *Braithwaite Review 2018*, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

Commented [A2]: Messaging has previously suggested it's a minority of non-genuine and unscrupulous providers - risk of tarnishing the sector more broadly.

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

Commented [A3]: Unless they seek review and provide satisfactory evidence.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning are on notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or lose their registration, face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Commented [A4]: I don't think it's quite right to say 'deregistration' is it?

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant RTO operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card are on notice.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)

s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 1:54 PM
To: DEWR - Media; s 22(1)
Cc: Coordination - ASQAs 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review -
 Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 GILES DROP MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR ASQA v2.docx

Hi media team

As flagged, we and ASQA have made some amendments (marked up). These are intended to ensure accuracy. We're very happy to discuss with s directly, but can we ask you to please pass on?
22(

Thanks

s
47E

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release
 and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s thanks again for the chat and ping s 22(1)(a)(ii)
I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s on the details below – she has also just sent through a draft MR (**attached**) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?
22(

Cheers
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING

MEDIA RELEASE

150 GHOST COLLEGES are targeted as 150 RTOs lose registration-AXED

Formatted: Font: 18 pt

Commented [A1]: They may not all be 'ghost colleges'.

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 providers have had their registration lapse after not delivering training. This targets the integrity risk posed by dormant Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). This includes 'ghost colleges' have been shut down that seek to use registration as a veil offer legitimacy for fraudulent activity.

First-uncovered The integrity risks posed by dormant providers was first identified by the Braithwaite Review 2018, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

Commented [A2]: The Braithwaite review recommendation wasn't framed around exploitation/fraud etc

The Nixon Review 2023 and Interim Report into International Education 2023 only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye to these risks, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning are on notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or lose their registration, face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the Braithwaite Review but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

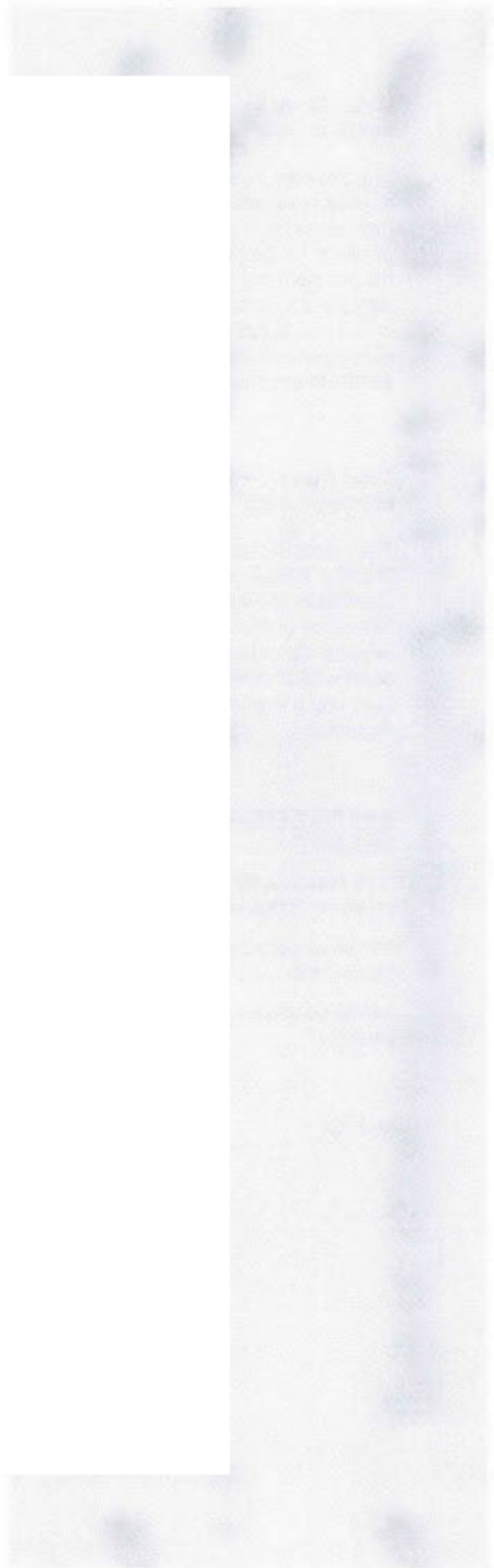
"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant RTO operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card on notice.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Media contact: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 12:38 PM
To: Coordination - ASQA; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ASQA - CEO; ASQA - DEP CEO; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 47E(d), s 47F(1) FW: For review -
 Dormant RTOs media release and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 240815 GILES DROP & MR - 150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED - ZR (1).docx

Hi all and as flagged with s 22(1)(a)(ii), the revised MR has come through for urgent fact checking. I think there's probably some redline issues here. I've made some quick comments in the attached, appreciate ASQA's review and any suggested amendments. s 22(1)(a)(ii) prob still useful to talk through with the Media Adviser, but I'd suggest you review this first so we can discuss with her.

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release
 and additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 47E(d), s 22(1)(a)(ii) thanks again for the chat and pingings 22(1)(a)(ii)
 I think we're happy for you to discuss directly with s on the details below – she has also just sent through a draft MR (**attached**) for a final factcheck for any redline issues, if you want to talk her through it?

Cheers
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:50 AM
To: s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s 47E(d), s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) FW: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and
 additional information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

Hi team,

s 22(1)(a)(ii) -

It's quite urgent as the MR is going live in the morning.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch
 People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:32 PM

To: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For my info – what is the actual number of RTOs that have been deregistered? I'd like to say 'around 150' so just checking for accuracy as the MR says more than 140.

Thanks

s 22(1)

Media Adviser

Office of the Hon Andrew Giles MP

Minister for Skills and Training | Federal Member for Scullin

Mobile: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: DEWR - Media <media@dewr.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 4:48 PM

To: s 22(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

DEWR - Media

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

<media@dewr.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: For review - Dormant RTOs media release and additional information

Hi s

22(1)

We've prepared a media release on the deregistration of dormant RTOs (ghost colleges), which I have attached. The total number of deregistered RTOs was over 140.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

Media | Communications & Media Branch

People, Communication, Parliamentary & Media Branch

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)

dewr.gov.au

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past, present and emerging.



**THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND TRAINING**

MEDIA RELEASE

150 GHOST COLLEGES AXED

The Albanese Labor Government is cracking down on dormant vocational education and training (VET) providers, announcing this week that around 150 'ghost colleges' have been shut down.

First uncovered by the *Braithwaite Review 2018*, exploitation of Australia's VET sector by unscrupulous and non-genuine providers ran rampant the former Liberal and National Government.

The *Nixon Review 2023* and *Interim Report into International Education 2023* only confirmed that the former Liberal and National Government turned a blind eye, finding that a lack of integrity in the system had grown even further under their watch.

The Albanese Government is continuing to clean up the decade-long mess, shutting down 'dormant' registered training providers (RTOs) who have failed to show proof of delivering training for 12 months or more.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is keeping an eye on an additional 140 RTOs who have received a warning notice. They must resume quality training by the end of 2024 or face deregistration. Those who don't resume satisfactory training will be found out and action will be taken to shut them down.

Improving integrity in the VET system means students are better placed to study at quality providers while employers can trust qualifications. This saves businesses time and money by improving the hiring process – and ensures students aren't exploited by unscrupulous actors.

These strong measures came into effect under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment* passed by the Parliament earlier this year; measures first recommended by the *Braithwaite Review* but ignored by the former Liberal and National Government.

This builds on the Albanese Government's broader effort to restore integrity and quality to the VET sector, backing in more than \$37 million investment in VET integrity initiatives to support the sustainability, quality and integrity of our international education and training sector.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Andrew Giles MP:

"The Albanese Government is calling time on the rorts and loopholes that have plagued the VET sector for far too long under the former Liberal and National Government.

"We've weeded out and shut down around 150 dormant operators, and 140 more have been given a yellow card.

"Under our Government, there is no place for anyone who seeks to undermine the sector and exploit students."

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

Commented [A1]: They may not all be 'ghost colleges'.

Commented [A2]: Messaging has previously suggested it's a minority of non-genuine and unscrupulous providers - risk of tarring the sector more broadly.

Commented [A3]: Unless they seek review and provide satisfactory evidence.

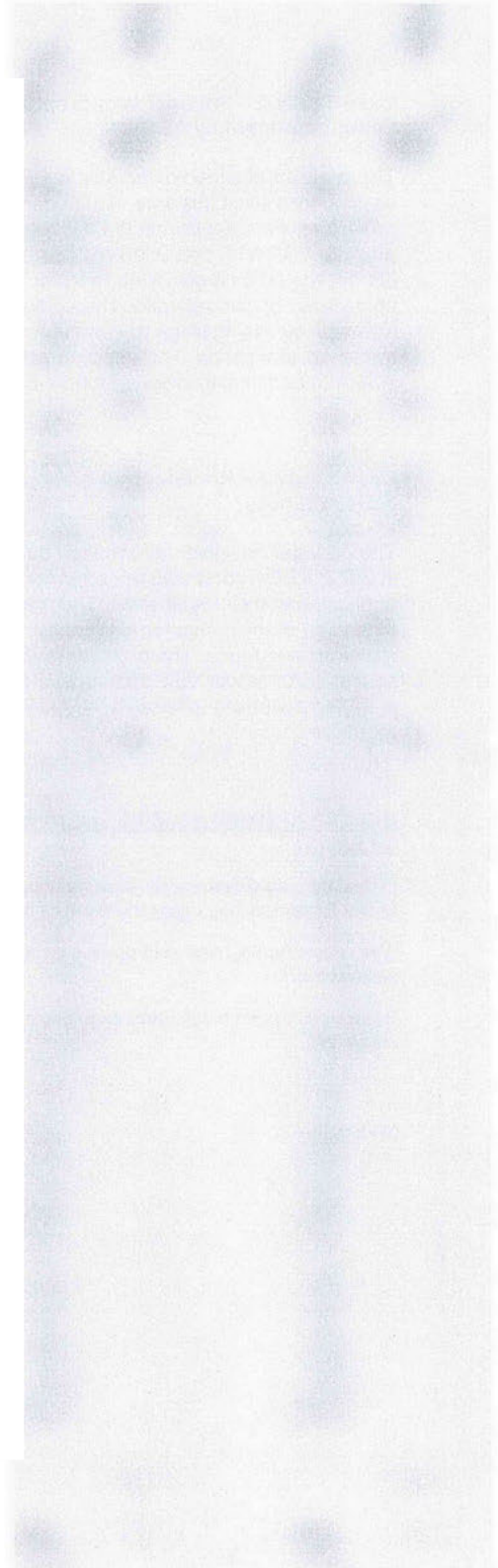
Commented [A4]: I don't think it's quite right to say 'deregistration' is it?

Media contact: s 22(1)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

s 22(1)



s 22(1)