



Trades Recognition Australia Webinars

Outsourced Skills Assessment Services Market Consultation

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Questions and Answers

Question 1: Are there major process changes proposed for the Job Ready Program (JRP), Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP) or Temporary Skills Shortage Skills Assessment Program (TSS)?

Answer:

Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) is looking to:

- centralise contracted assessment services into a single set of contract terms that will apply for all three programs,
- streamline internal contract and performance management and how services are utilised,
- build flexibility to address any future changes in skills assessment demand and service gaps,
- revise the payment structure for service delivery in regional and remote locations,
- publish provider performance data to support customers to make a more informed choice about self-selecting providers to provide required services and
- reduce the administrative burden with delivering the contracted assessment services.

Details in relation to delivery of skills assessment services will be provided with the Request for Tender documentation to be published on AusTender.

Question 2: Is TRA collaborating with relevant authorities to find solutions to the Clean Energy skills shortages through recognising the skills of international tradespeople in the areas in demand?

Answer:

Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) undertakes regular consultation with state and territory regulators, industry peak bodies and other stakeholders in relation to challenges and barriers and the requirements for skills assessments for tradespeople trained overseas. TRA will continue to consult and work with our stakeholders to assist with the Government's efforts to address current and future skills needs.

Question 3: Will the new skills assessment agreements take the VET Quality Framework into account?

Answer:

Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) is considering the existing frameworks, standards and accreditations for Registered Training Organisations that can be leveraged for the purposes of the new skills assessment agreements to provide assurance over the delivery of TRA skills assessment services. The department acknowledges that leveraging existing frameworks, standards and accreditations has the potential to assist TRA to streamline and simplify the terms of the new skills assessment agreement.

Trades Recognition Australia received three questions across the four virtual webinars. Questions have been edited for clarity.