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What we'll cover today

- ~ Supporting Australia's VET sector deliver the skills needed for our future
- ~ ASQA's regulatory approach and what it means for you
- ~ Our approach to working with the sector to manage risks
- ~ Current areas of regulatory focus



Building capacity and quality in VET

- ~ Quality courses that provide relevant skills
- ~ Maintaining industry currency and systems that support continuous improvement
- ~ Providing genuine pathways into further education, training and employment for graduates



Meeting the skills needs of the future

- ~ Post-covid era economic recovery
- ~ Skills and training aligned to industry and community demands
- ~ Delivering in-demand skills for the jobs of the future



Reforming Australia's VET sector



Improving the VET system to deliver skills for today and tomorrow

Australian Government
VET architecture

Commonwealth and State/Territory governments are working towards a new National Skills Agreement

Skills Reform

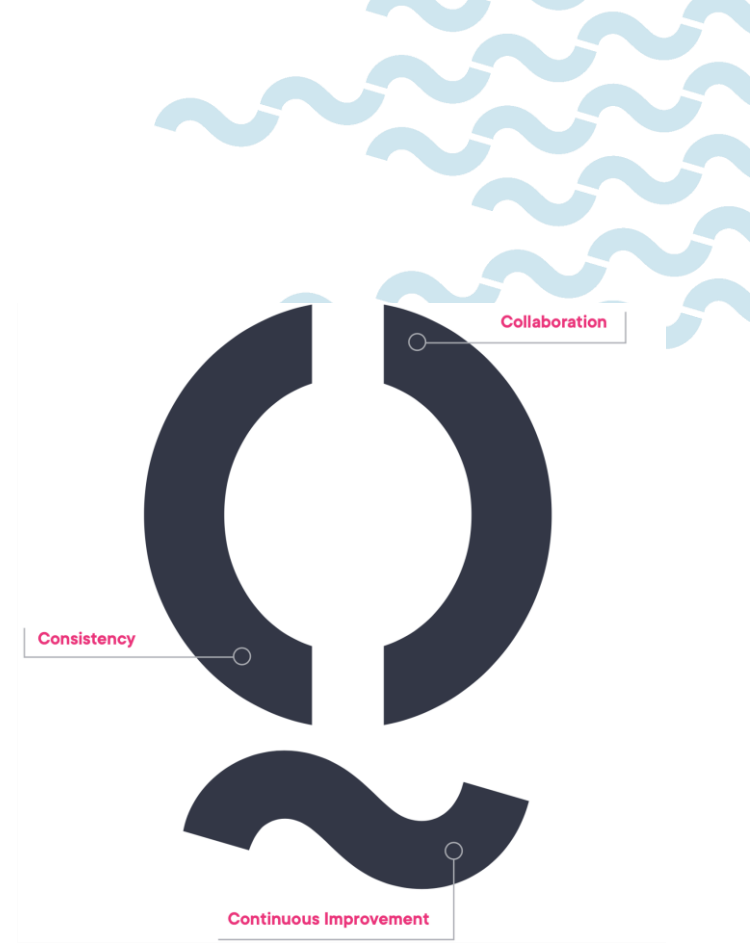
To achieve best practice governance, regulation and engagement of VET sector

**ASQA's
regulatory
practices**



Overview of ASQA

- ~ ASQA is the national regulator for the VET sector.
- ~ Our role is to ensure **quality** vocational education and training so that students, employers, governments and the community can have **confidence** in the **integrity** of national qualifications from VET training providers.
- ~ We do this by:
 - engaging and **collaborating** with the sector
 - being transparent and **consistent** in our regulatory approach
 - promoting **continual improvement** and self-assurance in quality training outcomes



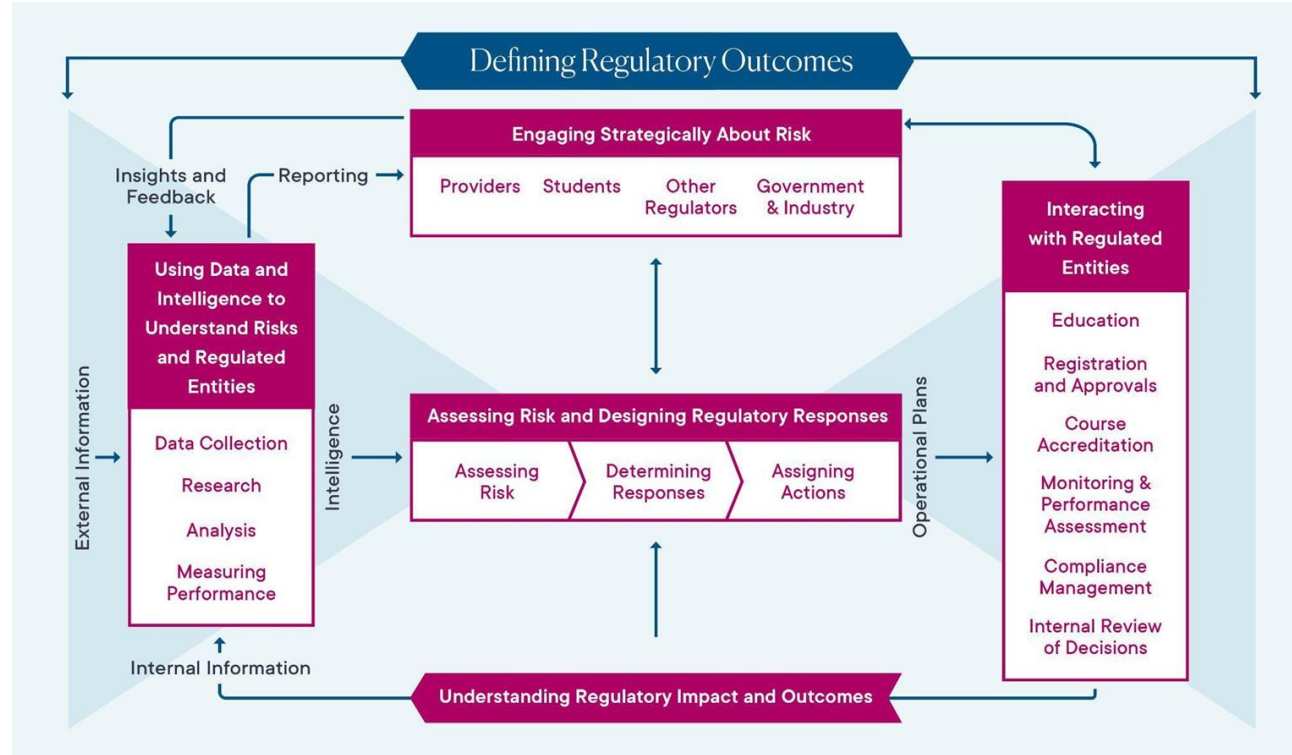
ASQA's approach to regulation

- ~ Takes a risk-based approach
- ~ Strengthens our focus on outcomes
- ~ Enhances our engagement and education
- ~ Helps providers assure themselves they are meeting standards and delivering quality VET courses
- ~ Ensures transparent and proportionate regulatory activity
- ~ Provides more meaningful reporting on provider performance
- ~ Continually improves our practices



Our regulatory approach

Supporting risk-based regulation and continuous improvement



What this means for you:

- ~ More opportunities to engage with ASQA
- ~ Fairer regulatory processes and more consistent outcomes
- ~ More information provided during the performance assessment process
- ~ Improved confidence in the quality and integrity of Australia's VET sector
- ~ Clear accountability for standards and the expectations of ASQA



Working together - a shared responsibility

- ~ Meaningful engagement with stakeholders
- ~ Education, Engagement and Communications Framework
- ~ Co-design processes



Our engagement with you



Enhanced consultation and engagement opportunities



Timely and targeted communications



Resources



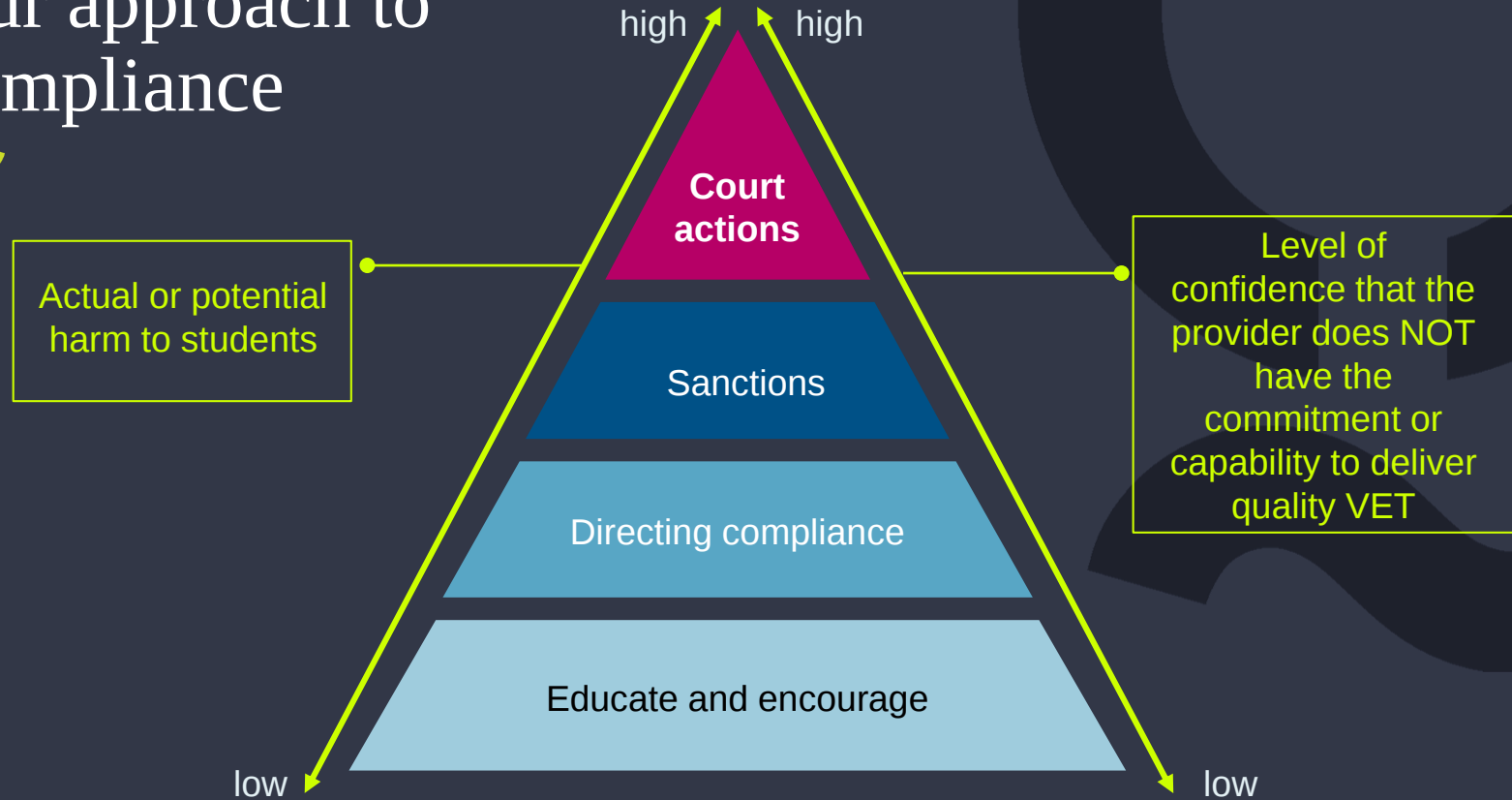
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Our approach to compliance



What to expect when we assess performance



Our audits are
now performance
assessments

We're helping
build a culture of
self-assurance

We're focussing
on continually
improving
practices and
systems

We're committed
to engaging with
you better during
the performance
assessment
process

New option: 'Agreements to rectify non-compliance'

- ~ 'Agreements to rectify' are a new regulatory approach ASQA has to address non-compliance
- ~ It can be used for providers that are committed and capable to return to sustained compliance
- ~ Supports providers to self-identify actions that will contribute to addressing non-compliance
- ~ Gives providers more time to make systemic and sustainable changes to their systems.



Our approach to monitoring

Monitoring our impact

- ~ Measuring our performance
- ~ Continuous improvement
- ~ Provider and stakeholder surveys
- ~ Independent evaluation
- ~ Regulatory principles



Our internal improvement practices

- ~ Commitment to reflect, evaluate and adapt our practices
- ~ Improving and systematising our collection and use of data
- ~ Better enabling training providers to provide feedback about ASQA



Working together to manage risks

Regulatory focus areas

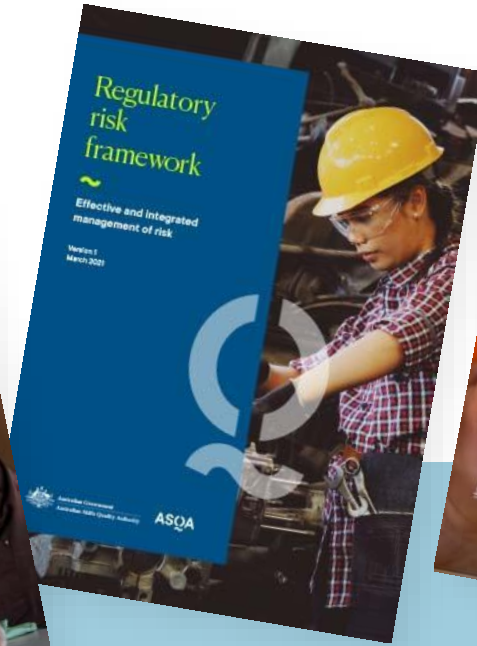
- ~ Regulatory Operating Model: informing and shaping our regulatory activities
- ~ Key opportunities to inform, educate, consult and collaborate
- ~ Recent example: online learning during Covid restrictions

Looking forward

- ~ Embedding the most recent changes to our Regulatory Operating Model
- ~ Improving understanding of our regulatory impacts
- ~ Implementing a full cost recovery model from 1 January 2022
- ~ Supporting the implementation of the revised *Standards for RTOs 2015*
- ~ Supporting sector maturity for self-assurance
- ~ More clearly differentiating sector performance
- ~ Publishing performance assessment reports
- ~ Digital transformation



Learn more about our Regulatory Practices





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**Welcome to VET:
Intro to the Standards
Part 2 of 2**

Michelle Charlton

TRAINING & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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**Learning Differently -
Addressing the
challenges faced by
students with
Dyslexia and other
learning differences**

Karen Dymke

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**Influences of AQF on
Assessment Questions**

Anni Yaringa

RTO ADMINISTRATION

Central B&C

**What Auditors are
Looking for in
Completed Student Files**

Kevin Ekendahl

EXPLORATION

Room 5,6,7

**Re-Defining
Competency: Time for
a new approach**

Michael Hartman