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In 2023 we received great feedback about our program Content Categories, which suggests we have hit the mark when it comes to the variety of session content available for the 2024 National VET Conference.

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MINISTERS AGREED TO PROGRESS THE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

In May, Federal, State and Territory Skills and Training Ministers met to discuss Australia's inaugural National Skills Plan under the National Skills Agreement, the draft VET Workforce Blueprint, and the ongoing reform of the vocational education and training (VET) sector. Of significant importance to note is that the Skills Ministers agreed to progress the Standards for public release in August and to come into full regulatory effect from 1 July 2025.

The following is a summary of the main topics discussed.

Quality Reforms	National Skills Plan
• Significant progress on the revised Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). • Standards are set for release in August 2024 (to be fully implemented by 1 July 2025). • Supports TAFEs as the trusted public providers in sector.	• First National Skills Plan outlines collaboration on national priorities, while preserving local flexibility. • Jurisdictional Action Plans expected by November 2024. • Emphasises the value of TAFEs and details eight national priorities to address skills shortages.
Fee-Free TAFE and TAFE Centres of Excellence	**Australian Universities Accord**
• Continued delivery of Fee-Free TAFE program. • First TAFE Centre of Excellence established in ACT (Electric Vehicle). • More Centres planned across jurisdictions.	• Impact of the Accord on the VET sector acknowledged. • Importance of strengthening connections between VET and higher education sectors emphasised.
VET Workforce Blueprint	**Jobs and Skills Australia 2024-25 Work Plan Development**
• The Blueprint to respond to key themes and to be finalised as a priority • Focus on understanding, growing, retaining, and developing the workforce, including in regional areas. • Importance of a dynamic and inclusive VET workforce highlighted.	• Overview of JSA's 2024-25 draft Work Plan provided. • Prioritisation of improved regional intelligence and alignment of skills and migration requirements. • Work underway on priorities and deliverables for 2024-25.

To read the full ministerial, click here.

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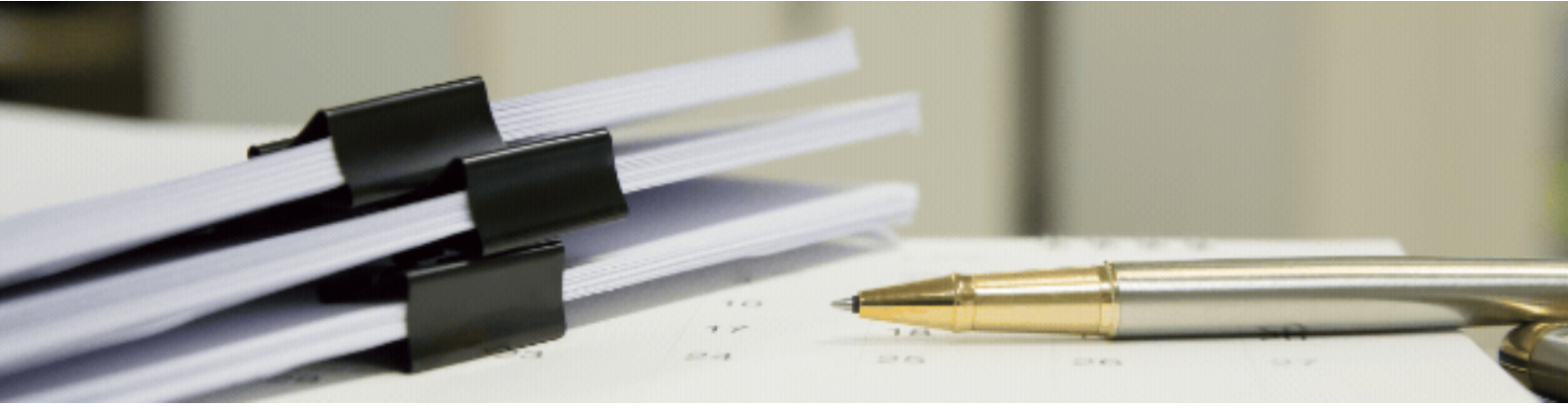

BILL TO AMEND THE ESOS ACT INTRODUCED TO PARLIAMENT

On May 24, The Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, introduced the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 to Parliament. It amends the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (the ESOS Act) to introduce new measures aimed at improving the quality, integrity and sustainable growth of the international education sector.

Some of the measures respond to recommendations or seek to address issues raised by reviews into the migration system and international education.

Key stakeholder groups have responded with concern to the measures that would lead to limits on international student numbers.

Key points from the Bill include:

- Several measures involve introducing Ministerial powers to regulate the provision of education to overseas students through:
  - pausing the registration of new providers and new courses by registered providers.
  - limiting the enrolments of overseas students by provider, course, or location, over a year.
  - automatically suspending and cancelling specified courses on the basis of systemic issues, their value to Australia's skills and training needs and priorities, or if it is in the public interest.
- Other measures relate to student recruitment and the provision of education, including:
  - new considerations for ESOS agencies in determining whether a provider is fit and proper, such as if they control or own, or are controlled or owned by, an education agent/associate.
  - requiring providers to deliver one or more courses exclusively to domestic students for two consecutive years to be eligible to apply for registration under the ESOS Act.
  - automatic cancellation of a provider's registration where a course has not been delivered to overseas students in a period of 12 consecutive months.
  - automatic suspension of a provider's registration when an ESOS agency or designated State authority determines that a provider does not meet the fit and proper test because it is under investigation for a specified offence.

The Bill has been referred to the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 August 2024.

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To read the complete Bill, click here, and here for the full Media Release.

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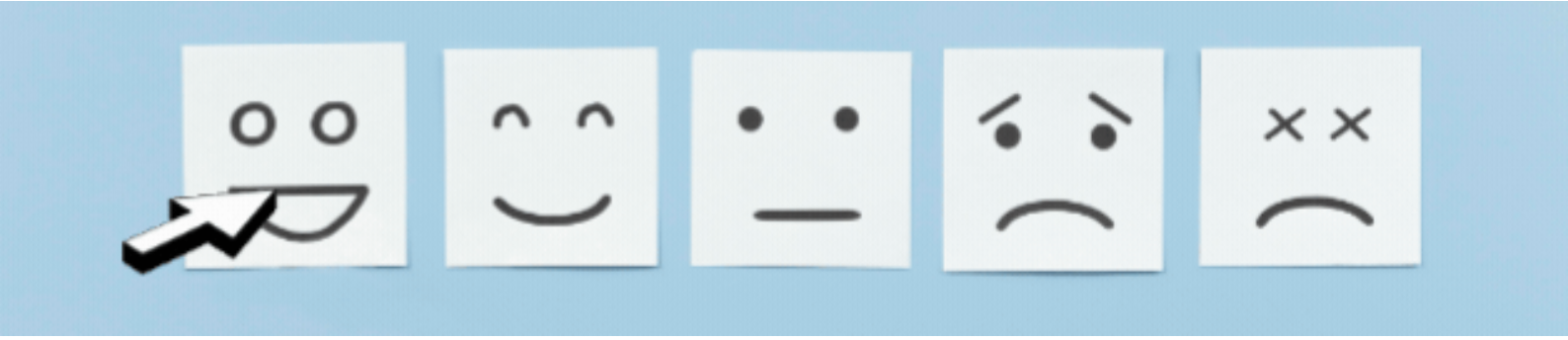

LISTENING TO AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSES ON WORKFORCE AND SKILLS 2024

Ai Group's Centre for Education and Training has released the results of its skills and workforce survey, entitled Australian businesses on workforce and skills 2024; The big picture, jobs and skills.

It asked a total of 251 businesses about the external and internal factors driving their skills and workforce, where the skills challenges or shortages are, and what steps businesses plan to take to develop or acquire the skills and capabilities.

One of the most significant findings is that 71% of businesses expect supply chain disruptions and rising input costs to be a major factor impacting their operations over the next two years. 59% of respondents also identified slowing economic growth as a key issue. This speaks to a business environment characterised by ongoing uncertainty, price fluctuations, and a degree of pessimism.

The next most cited concern at 57% was customer demand for environmentally sustainable products. This was followed by digital transformation (40%), the integration of artificial intelligence into business operations (38%), and customer demands for socially sustainable practices (36%). These factors are likely to drive significant changes in business strategies and operations. Notably, 38% of companies predict that these challenges will negatively affect their headcount over the next two years, highlighting the potential for job losses in response to these pressures.

Despite these challenges, there are also opportunities for growth. Businesses identified seeing potential upside and job growth in areas such as environmentally and socially sustainable practices, decarbonisation-driven investment decisions, and digital transformation. These areas are viewed as key to future-proofing businesses and driving long-term success.

The survey does, however, highlight a skills gap in leadership and management capabilities. While 74% of businesses believe their leaders and managers have the skills to move towards improved sustainability, only 35% feel they have the capability to navigate the integration of AI into their operations. This gap underscores the need for targeted training and development to equip leaders with the skills necessary to manage technological advancements effectively.

Finally, 61% of businesses surveyed identified changing technology across the economy as the biggest factor driving change in their business, followed closely by new work practices. This highlights the pervasive impact of technological advancements and the need for businesses to adapt to stay competitive.

Overall, the findings emphasise the need for a skilled and adaptable workforce to navigate the evolving economic landscape. The survey provides a clear call to action for businesses and policymakers to ensure a resilient and forward-looking workforce.

You can read the full survey report here, and access other Ai Group Reports & Policy Papers, here.

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