Please find below answers to some of the frequently asked questions in regards to the Version 5.0 Release of the TAE Training and Education Training Package.

1. What training products have been updated in the recently endorsed version of TAE Training and Education Training Package?

You can see a full history of Version 5 changes in the Version Modification History table in the TAE Version 5 Companion Volume Implementation Guide, which can be downloaded from VETNet.

TAE Version 5.0 includes new versions of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, the Diploma of Vocational Education and Training and a variety of skill sets.

2. Are the 2 newly endorsed qualifications equivalent?

The newly released TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment supersedes and is equivalent to TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

The newly released TAE50122 Diploma of Vocational Education and Training merges 2 previous TAE Diploma qualifications - TAE50116 Diploma of Vocational Education and Training and TAE50216 Diploma of Training Design and Development. The new Diploma qualification offers 3 specialisation pathways (Advanced Training and Assessment, Design and Development and VET Leadership), which are outlined in the packaging rules. The new Diploma has been deemed not equivalent to either of the previous 2 Diplomas.

For more information please see the TAE Version 5 Case for Endorsement, which can be downloaded via this page on our website [click the Training Product Development chevron and a link to download appears at the bottom of the page], and/or view the training products by visiting https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/TAE.

3. What do the newly endorsed qualifications mean for me?

a) I previously held a Certificate IV qualification or skill set that allowed me to practise as a trainer and/or assessor in line with the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations* (RTOs) 2015. Do I now need to complete the new qualification/skill set(s), or complete additional training to continue to practise as a trainer and/or assessor?

The Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015 (the Standards) specify the credentials required to deliver training and/or assessment in a registered training organisation (RTO) in Australia. The Standards identify certain qualifications or skill sets or their successors as required.

The new TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and skill sets that relate to the *Standards* have been deemed equivalent and successors to their previous versions. The new TAE50122 Diploma of Vocational Education and Training is not equivalent (due to the merging of qualifications) but has been deemed a successor to both previous Diplomas (TAE50116 and TAE50216). As the *Standards* are currently written (at time of writing

8/12/2022), there is <u>no requirement for holders of previous qualifications or skill sets</u> specified as an accepted credential in the *Standards* to complete additional training to continue to meet the same requirements outlined in the *Standards*.

Please note that the *Standards* are currently being reviewed by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Please visit https://www.skillsreform.gov.au/reforms/quality-reforms/ for more information.

b) If I currently hold the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (commonly referred to as the 'TAE 16') or the TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment plus 2 of the additionally required units from the TAE 16 (commonly referred to as the 'TAE10 + 2'), do I need to upgrade?

No. As the *Standards* are currently written, there is <u>no requirement to complete additional training to continue to meet the requirements outlined in the *Standards*.</u>

c) If I currently hold the TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment *only* and do not have the 2 additional 'TAE16' units; what are my options to meet the requirements for a trainer and assessor in the *Standards*?

According to the Standards as currently written, you could either:

- i) complete 2 additional units of competency from the options specified in the *Standards* (to make the 'TAE 10 + 2');
- ii) complete the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment within the teachout/transition period; or
- iii) complete the new TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning (RPL) options may be available for each of the above 3 options, so please speak to your training provider.

4. Will the usual 1 year teach-out/transition period apply to the superseded TAE training products?

The Education Industry Reference Committee (IRC), Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC), and Skills Ministers have agreed that an extended transition period of 2 years would better support industry and learners with the transition.

The transition period will ultimately be determined and confirmed by the regulators. For more information, please see the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) <u>website</u>.

5. I have a question that is not answered here or on the other linked pages. Who should I contact?

If your question relates to training product content, please contact PwC's Skills for Australia via info@skillsforaustralia.com.

If your question is about regulatory requirements and compliance, please refer to the <u>Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)</u>, the <u>Training Accreditation Council (TAC) Western Australia</u>, or the <u>Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA)</u>.

If your question is about the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)* please refer to the <u>Skills Reform</u> branch of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

6. Who do I direct my TAE-related queries to after Industry Clusters become responsible for training packages (1 January 2023)?

After 31 December 2022, all TAE queries should be directed to the <u>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</u> or the Industry Cluster responsible for the TAE Training and Education Training Package (noting this information will be found on the Department's website once released).