

# 2017-18 Annual VET Investment Plan

## Fact sheet

In order to grow the economy, create jobs and reinvigorate regional communities, it is imperative that Queenslanders continue to have access to quality, supportive, and affordable training that meets the ongoing needs of both individuals and employers.

The *2017-18 Annual VET Investment Plan* (the Plan) details the Queensland Government's planned \$768.9 million investment in VET over the coming year.

Under the Plan the Queensland Government will continue to support disadvantaged Queenslanders to gain the qualifications they need to enter and stay in the workforce.

Additionally, the Plan will continue to invest in apprenticeships and traineeships and provide opportunities for those wanting to upgrade or diversify their skills, to undertake training that leads to real jobs, enhances career advancement, and makes them competitive in the ever changing job market.

In 2017-18, key features of the Plan will leverage our ongoing market strengths, that is; demand-driven training arrangements underpinned by a network of pre-qualified suppliers (PQS), published subsidy levels for government-subsidised qualifications and skill sets aligned to industry identified skills needs, and co-contribution to the cost of training by individuals, employers or industry.

## Investment programs

The Plan is underpinned by a VET investment framework that supports demand-driven funding arrangements across a number of program areas, provides support for disadvantaged

learners and other priority student cohorts, and provides a significant contribution to public providers to enable them to operate in a competitive VET market.

Key investment programs in 2017-18 are:

- User Choice – \$212 million
- Certificate 3 Guarantee – \$216.7 million
- Higher Level Skills – \$70 million
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work – \$60.5 million
- public provider grants – \$209.7 million.

For more on these programs, including target groups, investment levels and policies, visit [www.training.qld.gov.au/fundedprograms](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/fundedprograms).

## Key changes in 2017-18

Supporting the introduction of the Queensland VET Quality Framework, the Plan provides for tighter entry requirements for registered training organisations, increased monitoring of those approved as PQS and ongoing improvement of program design to address areas of non compliance.

Building on the important and effective measures introduced in 2016-17, the department will further tighten PQS application requirements to raise the bar on quality through more robust assessment of financial viability and compliance history in 2017-18.

While it is important that a strong focus on quality and compliance remains, there is also a need to support best practice and growth in VET services, particularly for apprenticeships and traineeships. As a result, longer term contracts for delivery of training under the User

Choice Program are being introduced from 2017-18, to support quality Suppliers to have the confidence they need to invest in their business.

In addition, the Plan recognises that economic and labour market changes are not being experienced consistently across Queensland, and seeks to reinvigorate regional communities through targeted interventions that align the supply of skills with job demand.

## More information

For more information on the *2017-18 Annual VET Investment Plan*, visit

[www.training.qld.gov.au/vetinvestmentplan](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/vetinvestmentplan).