

AGF07 Agri-Food and MSA07 Manufacturing Training Packages.

The AGF07 Agri-Food and MSA07 Manufacturing Training Packages were submitted to DEST by the Agri-Food Industry Skills Council and Manufacturing Skills Australia respectively for endorsement by the NQC.

Each new Training Package has only one qualification: AGF10107 Certificate I in Agri-Food (Pathways) and MSA10107 Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways).

The Certificate I Industry Pathways qualifications - AGR10105 Certificate I in Agri-Food (Pathways), MSA10105 Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways) and TAL10105 Certificate I in Transport and Logistics (Pathways) were developed in 2005 to respond to the need:

- To provide pathways for those whom access to the formal VET system has been limited;
- For cross industry flexibility;
- To ensure that the qualifications provide skills which can be employed in a job function;
- To make employability skills “front and centre” in the development of the qualifications;
- To provide opportunities for new pedagogical approaches; and
- To provide for local input and customisation by providing sufficient flexibility within qualification rules.

These qualifications at that time were different with other Certificate I qualifications in that:

- They ensure a practical integrated activity in a work or work like context through the integrated project unit;
- They include employability skill sets through the use of integrating units.

These qualifications were targeted at year 9 and 10 school students, young and older unemployed, women, early school leavers, Indigenous groups.

On 30 May 2005, the former National Training Quality Council (NTQC) conditionally endorsed the 3 Certificate I industry Pathways qualifications. The NTQC:

- Endorsed AGR10105 Certificate I in Agri-Food (Pathways), MSA10105 Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways) and TAL10105 Certificate I in Transport and Logistics (Pathways) for the duration of trial and evaluation of the qualifications; and
- Recommended to Ministers, that these Certificate I qualifications be recorded on the National Training Information Service.

The trial was completed at the end of 2005. States and Territories agreed to restrict access to these qualifications to Registered Training Organisations conducting the trials.

As these qualifications were conditionally endorsed by the former NTQC for the duration of the trial which was finished at the end of 2005, they are no longer available for delivery.

In March 2006, following the final report on the evaluation of the trials, the NQC agreed that the three Certificate I Pathways qualifications should be re-submitted for endorsement.

The Pathways Certificate I in Transport and Logistics is being submitted as part of the review to the TLI07 Transport and Logistics Training Package, which is currently undergoing quality assessment. However, the Agri-Food and Manufacturing Certificate I Pathways qualifications are being submitted in new stand alone Training Packages. These new Training Packages will contain no other content apart from the Certificate I Pathways qualifications, with the view to being populated by rationalised Training Packages later in the year.

AGF10107 Certificate I in Agri-Food (Pathways) and MSA10107 Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways) use a range of units from Agri-Food and Manufacturing related Training Packages. Completion of this type of Certificate I qualification will open up pathways into employment and further study as well as it provides credit into Certificate II qualifications.

It is expected that as the Manufacturing and Agri-Food related Training Packages are under review and or updated, these two new Certificate I Industry Pathways qualifications will replace a number of existing Certificate I qualifications.

Members of the National Quality Council endorsed, out of session, on 29 May 2007 the AGF07 Agri-Food Training Package and the MSA07 Manufacturing Training Package with the conditions that:

- A full review of the Training Packages takes place by 31 December 2007; and
- The Training Packages are maintained through a continuous improvement process.

The Ministerial delegate's approved the NQC's decision on 14 June 2007.

Qualification Outcomes:

AGF10107 Certificate I in Agri-Food (Pathways)
MSA10107 Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways).

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