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| Higher Education and Skills Group  **Participation Branch Memo**  **Department of Education and Training** |

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**TO:** Learn Local organisations *– ALL or RTOs only,* Adult Education Institutions,

Learn Local Stakeholders, Participation Branch Staff

**FROM:** Edu De Hue, Acting Director - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 24 July 2017

**SUBJECT:** Victorian Training Information System(VTIS) Go Live deferred to the first half of 2018

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* Victorian Training Information System **(**VTIS) Go Live has been deferred to the first half of 2018
* Training providers will receive adequate notice to prepare for the changes
* This year’s Provider Selection Process for RTOs for Skills First contracting will take place in SVTS

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In January 2017, the Department communicated its intention to replace Skills Victoria Training System (SVTS) with a new system – the Victorian Training Information System (VTIS), in August/September 2017.

In March 2017, focus groups were held with the sector to discuss the key changes expected in VTIS and to understand how training providers could be impacted.

Feedback received by the focus groups suggested an August/September 2017 Go Live is not preferable, as it coincides with the 2018 Provider Selection Process for Skills First contracting.

As a result the implementation of VTIS has been deferred, and will be in the first half of 2018. More details will be available nearer the time.

Training providers will receive adequate notice to prepare for the change.

This year’s Provider Selection Process for RTOs for Skills First will take place in SVTS and system enhancements are currently being made to enable a more seamless application experience.