# Department of Education and Training

# Higher Education and Skills Group

# Participation Branch Memo: *2018 / June / 21*

**TO: Learn Local organisations - *ALL***

 **ACFE Board**

 **ACFE Regional Councils**

 **Adult Education Institutions**

 **Learn Local Stakeholders**

**FROM:** Edu de Hue, A/Director - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 21 June 2018

**SUBJECT: Survey about improving supports for deaf and hard of hearing students and their teachers**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

* *Participate in* [*survey*](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dCE-RTO) *(*https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dCE-RTO)

With one in six Australians experiencing hearing loss that adversely impacts on their ability to participate in every day conversation it is likely that some deaf or hard of hearing people have enrolled in courses at your training organisation.

deafConnectEd is funded by the Department of Education and Training to provide strategic state-wide support and advice to training organisations and deaf and hard of hearing students. The aim is to support deaf and hard of hearing students to fully participate in training and get a job.

The [deafConnectED website](http://www.deafconnected.com.au/) (www.deafconnected.com.au) provides a range of material to assist teachers, trainers and student support staff to understand and provide an inclusive learning environment for deaf and hard of hearing students.

I have asked deafConnectED to undertake a survey of all government funded training organisations in order to better understand the supports you need to assist your deaf and hard of hearing students. I want to know whether deafConnectED’s current suite of services are relevant to you and whether there are any new services that could be developed to better meet your needs.

The [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dCE-RTO) (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dCE-RTO) has nine questions and will take about ten minutes of your time. The survey will be open for five weeks and close on Friday 27 July 2018. I would be grateful also if you could circulate this survey invitation to other staff in your organisation who may be well placed to provide feedback.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring deaf and hard of hearing students are able to fully participate in vocational education and training.