# Department of Education and Training

# Higher Education and Skills Group

# PIRE Branch Memo: *2018 / July / 31*

**TO: Learn Local organisations – *ALL***

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Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE: 31 July 2018**

**SUBJECT: AQF Review, Survey of Community Providers**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

## *Community education providers are being asked to assist the AQF Review by filling in a survey run by the Ithaca Group:* [AQF Qualifications Pathways Policy: VET Provider Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NMFXHD).

## *A review of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is underway to ensure that the framework continues to meet the needs of students, employers, education providers and the wider community*

## AQF Review

## The Australian Government has initiated a review on 11 July 2018 of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) to ensure that the framework continues to meet the needs of students, employers, education providers and the wider community. The AQF was last reviewed between 2009 and 2011.

## The Review is being chaired by Professor Peter Noonan (Victoria University) who will be joined by Megan Lilly (Australian Industry Group), Professor Sally Kift (James Cook University) and Professor Elizabeth More AM (Australian Institute of Management) plus two additional members nominated by the states and territories through the COAG Education Council and the COAG Industry Skills Council.

## The Australian Government Department of Education and Training has contracted PhillipsKPA to provide contextual research for the review, related to international qualifications frameworks and domestic use of the AQF. Release of a discussion paper and public consultations are expected in the second half of 2018, with the final report to be provided to government by June 2019.

## The Department has asked community education providers to assist the AQF Review by filling in a survey run by the consultancy Ithaca Group. Through the survey, Ithaca Group aims to gather information on current practice in relation to credit, RPL and articulation from a range of tertiary providers. All providers are invited to share their insights and experience by completing [AQF Qualifications Pathways Policy: VET Provider Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NMFXHD)