

# Pilot Programme FAQ Sheet

## Why were these occupations chosen?

These occupations were chosen for either having high numbers of apprentices and trainees or considered of high strategic importance relating to community expectations or government priorities.

## What are the Occupation and Assessments?

### Assessments with 1 Stage

**Practical:** Undertaken a training facility or workplace.\*

- ◆ Certificate III in Hairdressing
- ◆ Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
- ◆ Certificate III in Cabinetmaking
- ◆ Certificate III in Carpentry
- ◆ Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication
- ◆ Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical
- ◆ Certificate III in Civil Construction

### Assessments with 2 Stages

- 1. Online theory:** At home, on your computer
- 2. Practical:** Undertaken in the workplace.

- ◆ Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

- ◆ Apprenticeship
- ◆ Traineeship

## Eligibility to participate

Apprentices or trainees within the specified eight occupations who are nearing completion or have recently completed their apprenticeship or traineeship in one of the pilot occupations are eligible to participate.

## What role do training providers provide in the pilot?

Victorian public and private training providers (TAFE's and RTOs) will be key partners in piloting the independent assessments. Critical data from the assessments will be provided to the training provider for consideration and feedback to the assessment developers. Findings resulting from the Independent Assessment pilot will not be published. Reporting will only be available to the project sponsor.

## What happens after the assessment?

Outcome letters will be provided to candidates on completion. This information will be confidential. If the candidate is unhappy with the final outcome of the Independent Assessment, they may choose to apply again. Anonymous data from the assessments will be used to improve the assessment process and provide feedback to RTOs and other stakeholders about the teaching and learning process. This data will not be publicly disclosed.

## Will the outcome of this assessment change my employment conditions or the status of my apprenticeship/traineeship?

No. The assessment is a pilot and will provide the Victorian Government with valuable indicators on improving the quality of the apprenticeships and traineeship system. Candidates will be provided with independent feedback on their assessment outcome which can be used to identify possible areas for skill development and further training opportunities.

## Assessment quality assurance

To assure the quality of the assessment system, assessors will be highly experienced and skilled in the occupation they assess. Moderation of the assessments will ensure validity, fairness and consistency in decision-making.

## Why VETASSESS?

VETASSESS has been providing a range of tailored independent services to government and non-government agencies. With over 20 years of experience as a national skills assessment authority, VETASSESS has pioneered assessment services that are independent and trusted by Governments'. This includes services such as performing qualification recognition and employment verification of individuals' skills and experience against nominated occupations to address changes in skill needs, and the needs of emerging industries and transforming industry sectors.

## Do you have questions or queries?

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