



October Newsletter – Insight to SNR 15.2

These last 2 months have been the busiest in my life, I have just completed the VET Quality Framework events – 6 States twice with over 200 attendees, I met some wonderful educators, and thank you for your feedback. I finally completed my Masters of Education; the last subject was research based and really took the life out of me. 'Burning the Candle at Both Ends' - during this period I have been dissecting the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 and associated instruments in development of new resources (due November). I am now in "Monk Mode" (no appointments for next 4 weeks) completing the new CD.

Insight to SNRs

I have noted many subtle and yet critical changes to the standards which RTOs must be aware of. Let's look at one in particular:

SNR 15.2 Strategies for training and assessment meet the requirements of the relevant Training Package or VET accredited course and **have been** developed **through effective** consultation with industry.

The key word inserts are: '**have been**' (past tense) and '**through effective**' (via formal consultation).

What does this mean?

My interpretation: The RTO has conducted preliminary consultation with industry during the '**development**' of strategies for training and assessment; this will help the RTO understand the needs of industry accounting for trends and changes in technology. The mode of consultation may take the form of an initial phone conversation, email follow-up plus a final face to face discussion where the industry person may be asked to complete a questionnaire (developed specifically for the target industry). The feedback from questionnaire should then be documented and analysed for appropriateness of use in the structure of the training and assessment strategy. Outcomes of the analysis should be provided back to industry.

The next stage of consultation with industry would be a discussion '**in more detail**' considering the assessment processes, methods and tools to be used in the course; this further consultation will provide the RTO with the final touches to the training and assessment strategy. Not to forget that the strategies must meet the requirements of the Training Package or VET accredited course.

The final stage is quality assurance via the process of validation of the course, which is covered in other SNRs.

Finally, don't forget to have industry endorsement on the Training and Assessment Strategy.

Regards

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