



## May Newsletter - New Proposed Fees for RTOs

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### News - 2nd May 2011 - Fee Increases in the Pipeline for RTOs

In an earlier news bulletin I mentioned that I hoped the new National VET Regulator - Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) would not change the RTO fee structure. ASQA has released the proposed fee schedule, which has been developed along the lines of a cost-recovery model. This means that if approved, in most cases fees will increase dramatically.

Click here to view the fee schedule. Please Note: the website for ASQA is [www.asqa.gov.au](http://www.asqa.gov.au) and the links on this page are direct to the specific page reference. It is of primary importance that RTOs avail themselves of the proposed structure. Public consultation has been offered, however, the closing date is 6 May 2011. To view the Cost Recovery Impact Statement and to comment on proposed charges [click here](#)

Fee increases will be a major impact for smaller RTOs and in some cases may determine the future viability and in fact may force the closure of many in this group.

My recommendation is that you read through the associated documentation, and contact ASQA with your comments. Moving forward, don't give up: complete a viability analysis with regard proposed fee structure, consider all the pros and cons, think outside the box and look at a diversification strategy.

Regards

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