

SAS Stage 1 EOI

Webinar questions 9 October 2024

Training data

For the training data, at what point should we have a start date, calendar 2024 for one year, year from application date?

Section 9 of the Application Guidelines details the required documents and information to be submitted through Partner Portal for the EOI Stage 1. Twelve months of your Queensland AVETMISS training activity (calendar data of 2024, 2023 or 2022) to Queensland residents, including qualification completions for the same time period, must be uploaded electronically as part of your EOI Stage 1 Response. Additionally, the "How to use the POL application to submit a EOI Stage 1 response" provides details of how to attach your training and assessment activity.

For further information refer to the Webinar recording (slide 9) and FAQs on the website.

Are current SAS still required to submit the AVETMISS Data, Total VET Activity?

SAS with a current agreement must upload their AVETMISS data submission by the closing date and time of the SAS EOI Stage 1 through the Partner Portal AVETMISS Training Activity system. If your RTO is nominating to deliver a new qualification (i.e. a qualification delivered outside of the current SAS Agreement) that has not been included in your AVETMISS data submission, then you will also need to include any previously unreported AVETMISS data in your submission and through this process. Your AVETMISS submission must include a completed NAT130 file to record student completions evidence.

Employer referees

What information should be included in the Employer Reference?

The Employer Referee details required are:

- Qualification code
- Qualification title
- Employer Name
- Employer ABN
- Employer Contact Name
- Position Title
- Phone
- Email
- Services provided to the employer
- Number of employees/apprentices/trainees

Where my RTO is delivering multiple qualifications in an industry group, do I need to list all qualifications in the Queensland employer referee contacts?

When completing the *Queensland employer referee contacts form* all employer referee details are required, including identifying all qualifications the applicant RTO has delivered on behalf of the employer listed. You must provide a minimum of 3 employer referees per Industry Training Group.

What is the situation when we have only one learner and one employer in an industry group. Will this be accepted?

Schedule B (Terms and Conditions) reserves the Department's right to "consider a EOI STAGE 1 response submitted other than in accordance with the requirements of this EOI STAGE 1 document". In accordance with these, the Department may exercise its right to accept a response that does not conform with all of the requirements (i.e. grant an exemption) where it is considered necessary to ensure adequate training supply for niche industry areas.

The decision of whether an exemption will be granted will be made during the assessment process depending on whether there are sufficient conforming offers to adequately meet the requirements, as such the Department is unable to provide any prior indication as to whether an exception will be granted. This decision will be undertaken in accordance with the probity requirements.

How can an Enterprise RTO provide 3 employer references? –

Refer to response to previous question.

RTOs with ASQA registration type – Enterprise may provide the contacts for a manager or direct supervisor of enterprise staff who have received training and assessment services delivered by the Enterprise RTO.

Can the employer referee contacts be based in another state?

Employer referees must be based in Queensland and be able to confirm experience of the RTO's training history in Queensland.

Can I include employers contacts my RTO works with for student industry placements, industry consultations and demand assessment?

As outlined in the EOI Stage 1 Application Guidelines, to meet the minimum mandatory requirements, the Queensland Employer Referees you supply must be Queensland based and have engaged the RTO's services for training delivery and/or employed participants who completed training with the RTO.

Employers who provide student industry placements and offer employment to some of these students can be included as an industry referee.

No response will be provided to the following questions as they do not pertain to the EOI Stage 1 process.

1. Will CPI indexing be applied to funding for 2025?
2. Do you think this process will continue under a new government?
3. When can we receive the SAS audit evidence requirements for Career Ready, Start and Boost, please? In addition, are the audit requirements of 3 new fundings much different compared to the current SAS audit requirement for UC and QVI 2023-2024?