

On 1 January 2023, Skills Ministers introduced the *Jobs and Skills Councils (JSC) - Strengthening Australia's National Vocational Education and Training System Program*, a new industry engagement arrangement that places industry and learners at the centre of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system and to ensure training product development delivers on national and local skills needs. Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance (Manufacturing Alliance) is the JSC for the manufacturing industry.

The success of these new arrangements is underpinned by the training package product development rules, as defined in the *Training Package Organising Framework (refer to Item 12. Training Package Organising Framework below)*. These rules are designed to ensure JSCs produce high quality training products that:

- are based on evidence of industry needs
- are user-centric
- are anchored in good design
- support quality delivery and assessment
- align with related policy especially the *Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)* and the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015*.

A Technical Committee is established for each training product project undertaken by the Manufacturing Alliance. The CEO of the Manufacturing Alliance will determine the size of the Technical Committee and breadth of expertise appropriate to the project. Members will be appointed based on their individual expertise, rather than representing any specific group or organisation.

To meet industry needs and enable pathway opportunities, it is recommended the packaging rules for MEM80122 Graduate Diploma of Engineering be updated. The project will consider the qualifications to assist the design and development of training products within a project.

While members may belong to an organisation with a specific interest in a training package, their role is to provide expertise, not to represent those interests. Those interests can be represented by other stakeholders through the project consultation processes.

The Technical Committee is set up in the project initiation phase so that members can provide advice on the development of the initial draft products. The Technical Committee also reviews the *Project Overview and Consultation Strategy* and can make suggestions to improve stakeholder engagement and representation.

The Technical Committee will review the final draft training products and a statement to this effect will be included in the submission of the final products to the Assurance Body for its

endorsement recommendation. The Technical Committee may be asked for advice on draft products at other points in the project.

The objectives of the Technical Committee are to:

- provide expert, evidence-

General members of the Technical Committee provide evidence-based advice within their area of expertise in response to specific questions and review of draft materials.

Depending on the needs of the project, the

Technical Committee members must declare any perceived or actual conflicts of interest.

A conflict of interest (conflict) may arise where a member represents a group that could benefit from decisions being made (i)-4.rnbn 2.050 Tw 1.1(m)4 (em)-18.ngt21 0 Td0o-t25.e3 0 Tdkd

