

## **VET Workforce and Curriculum Development Strategic Priorities 2009**

The Western Australian Department of Education and Training aims to develop and support a strategic approach to VET workforce development through its leadership role in setting strategic priorities. The State Training Quality Committee has identified the following strategic priorities for 2009:

1. Increasing and improving provision of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL);
2. Developing innovative and new models of delivery and assessment including workplace delivery and assessment;
3. Increasing delivery of higher level qualifications;
4. Engaging younger learners; and
5. Improving practitioners' technical skills.

The overarching objective of these priorities is to build the capacity and capability of individuals and Registered Training Organisations to offer programs that are innovative, flexible and workplace oriented. It will also support an increase in the proportion of non-classroom based delivery and will enable users of the system to access training that suits their individual needs.

The selection of these priorities is underpinned by key drivers at the state and national level. These include:

- Council of Australian Governments (COAG) priorities;
- *2005-08 Commonwealth-State Agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce (SAW)*;
- Commonwealth Government Productivity Places Program;
- Recommendations from the Skills Formation Taskforce report *Careers for Life: Creating a dynamic and responsive apprenticeship and traineeship system*; and
- State Government - Raising the School Leaving Age legislation.

In considering the current and future skills needs of the Western Australian VET sector, these key drivers at the national and state level must sit at the centre of all professional development and curriculum development programs. The sector must develop the workforce it needs for tomorrow's challenges today. A dynamic, agile and skilled VET workforce with industry relevance and currency is essential to the State's continued prosperity and sustainability.