VET Questions You May Ask

Q Why is a Certificate II the level of qualification that you have chosen?

The training and industry sectors advise that a Certificate II is the minimum standard of training suitable for students to complete as a pathway to further study or employment post-school.

Q Will a Certificate I still be of any value to students?

Yes, students may still complete one or more Certificate I qualifications but they will be required to also complete at least one Certificate II qualification to meet the new WACE requirements if they do not achieve an ATAR.

Q What will the costs be?

Student enrolment trends over the past two years have been analysed to ascertain both the anticipated levels of resources required and the number of students likely to be undertaking Certificate II level training from 2015 onwards.

There are costs to schools associated with teacher training and maintaining levels of both qualification competency and currency at Certificate IV Trainer and Assessor level to comply with VET sector regulatory requirements. The funding proposed has taken this into account and provides for ongoing levels of training for teachers.

Additional funding will also be provided to education systems and sector to support the costs per student related to the achievement of a Certificate.
What additional support will be provided to schools?

The Authority will work with the education systems and sector VET staff to provide ongoing support and advice to all schools.

What will the impact be of the VET requirement on schools and supervision of WPL?

Many Certificate II qualifications do not require a work placement. However, the Authority encourages students, where possible, to apply the knowledge and skills gained in their training to a workplace setting. The Authority, education systems and sector and the VET sector will work to encourage industry to engage in this initiative. It has the potential to provide Western Australia with a future workforce that has gained valuable industry specific and general employability skills as a part of secondary education.