

INCLUSION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE RISK IDENTIFICATION AND NDIS TRAINING WITHIN RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS

Training providers offering relevant qualifications under *Skills First* from 1 January 2021 are strongly encouraged to import accredited family violence risk identification and/or NDIS units of competency as electives delivered within the broader qualification.

RATIONALE

Over the last two years, specialised units relating to the identification and initial response to family violence and the identification, prevention and reporting of disability abuse under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) have been developed by the Department of Education and Training in collaboration with industry partners.

These units have been accredited by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority as 'course ins' and are included on the Funded Courses List.

The content in the units covers critical knowledge and skills required across relevant workforces to deliver on high priority government reforms, including the Royal Commission Recommendations and Industry Plans in the areas of family violence prevention and response, and NDIS. Developed with industry partners, these units will be in demand by employers.

Students will need to complete these units to be fully job-ready for work in a range of community settings in Victoria into the future.

IMPLICATIONS FOR *SKILLS FIRST* PROVIDERS

Training providers delivering the Community Services (CHC) Training Package are strongly encouraged to import the DET units of competency VU22733 - *Identify and provide initial response to family violence risk* aimed at universal service workers and/or VU22853 *Apply a human rights based approach to the identification, prevention and reporting of disability abuse* as electives within relevant qualifications.

VU22733 should be incorporated where possible within all CHC qualifications, and VU22853 should be taught, as a minimum, within the Certificate IV in Disability.

Inclusion of the units within other qualifications beyond the CHC package is also encouraged, at the discretion of the training provider (for example within legal, corrections, health, translating and interpreting courses, in particular).

The Australian Skills Quality Authority is supportive of the inclusion of specific Victorian content within qualifications in the CHC package.

The family violence risk identification, and NDIS units, when delivered as electives within a broader qualification, will attract the same subsidy that applies for the remainder of the qualification.

It is also possible to deliver the family violence risk, and NDIS 'course ins' as additional studies taken alongside an existing qualification, in which case the 'course ins' would attract the subsidy listed on the FCL. Exemptions in place for students taking the family violence risk identification 'course in' allow this to be delivered without compromising a student's eligibility to undertake other studies.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE AND SUPPORT

Where possible, training providers are encouraged to begin to deliver the family violence risk identification and/or NDIS units as part of the specified broader qualifications from 1 January 2021.

Where this is not feasible, providers should aim to move towards delivery as soon as possible. The Department will monitor uptake of the units and any issues during 2021.

‘Train the trainer’ professional development is available for the family violence risk unit through the VET Development Centre during 2020 and 2021 (see https://vdc.edu.au/funded-opportunities/#number_4).

Teaching and assessment resources for both family violence and NDIS units are available for download to assist training providers to achieve high quality, consistent delivery. Resources are available to TAFEs through the VET Shared Resources portal.

RTOS can contact the VET Shared Resources team to request access to the resources by emailing: VET.SharedLearning@education.vic.gov.au