For all RTO staff

Background

- Through SAN 2012-10 issued 2 May 2012 and SAN 2012-20 issued 13 July 2012, from 1 July 2012 senior secondary qualifications were treated the same as Certificate I for the purpose of determining prior qualification in eligibility for the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG).

Main Points

- To ensure students over 20 years wishing to undertake VCE or VCAL and individuals who hold a senior secondary qualification are able to access a fuller range of opportunities, the following changes to the VTG eligibility criteria apply:
  - When assessing eligibility for the Victorian Training Guarantee, if a person is seeking to enrol in VCE or VCAL, their prior qualifications are not taken into account; and
  - For the purposes of determining ‘prior qualification’ when assessing eligibility for the Victorian Training Guarantee, senior secondary certificates are not taken into account.

- This SAN therefore varies and replaces Clause 1.4 b, Schedule 2 of the 2012 Service Agreement and Attachment 1, Schedule 2 of 2012 Service Agreements with variations detailed at Attachment 1.

Actions Required:

- RTOs note the above information.
- All enquiries concerning this Service Agreement Notification should be lodged on SVTS under the category ‘Service Agreements’.

Critical Dates

- This SAN is effective immediately for course commencement dates on or after 23 July 2012.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 Variations

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Delete Clause 1.4 b, Schedule 2 in each of the 2012 Service Agreements and substitute with the following:

b To meet the Victorian Training Guarantee eligibility requirements, an individual must enrol and commence training in a course or qualification provided by the RTO between the later of 1 January 2012 or when this Agreement is executed, and 31 December 2012 inclusive and be:

i under 20 years of age (as at 1 January 2012) and undertaking recognised training; or

ii over 20 years of age (as at 1 January 2012) and undertaking recognised training in a Foundation Skills course; or

iii over 20 years of age (as at 1 January 2012) and undertaking recognised training as an Apprentice (not Trainee); or

iv over 20 years of age (as at 1 January 2012) and undertaking recognised training in a course that is at a higher qualification level than the highest qualification held at the time of the scheduled commencement of training; or

v over 20 years of age (as at 1 January 2012) and undertaking training in the Victorian Certificate of Education or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (Intermediate or Senior) with a course commencement date on or after 23 July 2012.

and (effective 8 February 2012)

vi have not commenced or not be scheduled to commence more than two Victorian Government subsidised courses in 2012 (excluding courses in the Foundation Skills Category); and

vii not be currently enrolled in two or more Victorian Government subsidised courses (excluding courses in the Foundation Skills Category).
Notes for the purpose of determining prior qualification in eligibility

This criterion applies to qualifications, not course categories.

With reference to vocational Graduate Certificate and vocational Graduate Diploma level qualifications, for the purpose of determining the highest qualification held, the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) applies, i.e. qualifications at Bachelor Degree level are lower than qualifications at vocational Graduate Certificate and vocational Graduate Diploma level.

For the purpose of applying this criterion, the following prior qualifications are not taken into account:

a) the Victorian Certificate of Education; Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (Intermediate or Senior); International Baccalaureate Diploma; and senior secondary school certificates from other Australian jurisdictions; and

b) qualifications listed in the Foundation Skills category; and

c) any VET certificates completed as part of a senior secondary qualification; and

d) qualifications with the title ‘Course in...’ which are not aligned to a specified level within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF); and

e) non-Australian qualifications, except where equivalency has been formally established with a qualification within the AQF.

The subsequent sections of Attachment 1 to Schedule 2 of 2012 Service Agreements remain unchanged.