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Strengthening the AQF update

The AQF Council met on Wednesday 16 June 2010 and agreed on the package of policies that should comprise the strengthened AQF. This includes:

- A structure of 10 levels and the criteria for each
- Qualification type descriptors for each of the existing qualification types
- Specifications for the construction of qualifications
- Policies for issuance of qualifications, registers of qualifications, qualification pathways and linkages, generic skills in qualifications, and the addition and removal of qualification types.

The AQF Council is now seeking stakeholder comments on the full package of specifications and policies. A consultation paper will be available on Monday 12 July and comments will be required by Wednesday 4 August.

Stakeholders are invited to attend presentations on the proposed strengthened AQF which will be held in each capital city during July. Presentations are scheduled as follows:

Perth	Thursday	July 15	10 am – 12 noon
Brisbane	Monday	July 19	10 am – 12 noon
Sydney	Tuesday	July 20	10 am – 12 noon and 2 pm – 4 pm
Canberra	Wednesday	July 21	10 am – 12 noon
Adelaide	Thursday	July 22	2 pm – 4 pm
Darwin	Monday	July 26	9 am – 11 am
Hobart	Wednesday	July 28	12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Melbourne	Thursday	July 29	10 am – 12 noon and 2 pm – 4 pm

To book into a presentation session, please email your preferred location and time to aqfc@sa.gov.au. Venues for the presentations will be published in the AQF newsletter and on the AQF website in early July.

Further information about the Strengthening the AQF project is available from <http://www.aqf.edu.au/Projects/tabid/186/Default.aspx>

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Testing the AQF – online survey

Thank you to the 788 people who completed the online survey during March, to empirically test the AQF levels criteria, the qualification type descriptors and the placement of the qualifications types in a strengthened framework.

The findings of the research have been used to finesse the criteria and descriptors.

A report on the research results will be published in August 2010.