

The Australian Qualifications Framework released.

The AQF Council released the final version of the strengthened AQF on 30 September 2010. It is available for AQF stakeholders' information on the website - ([The Australian Qualifications Framework – pending MCTEE approval 2010.pdf](#)).

The AQF Council has developed its advice for the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE) and anticipates that the strengthened AQF will be considered by MCTEE in November 2010.

Each component of the AQF together is designed to:

- build confidence in qualification outcomes
- improve the contemporary relevance and nationally consistent outcomes of qualifications
- improve student pathways both within and between the education sectors and between education and the workplace and recognise non-formal and informal learning
- underpin improved and national regulatory and quality assurance arrangements for education and training
- support contemporary national policy directions in education and training
- enhance the national and international mobility of graduates and workers through increased recognition of the value of Australian qualifications, and
- enable international comparability of Australian qualifications and qualification standards and alignment of the AQF with international qualifications frameworks.

The strengthened AQF is the culmination of the AQF Council's strengthening the AQF project which commenced in early 2009. The development of the AQF has been highly interactive, transparent and accountable as the AQF Council sought the involvement of all stakeholders and made public the outcomes of each stage of development. The AQF Council conducted three national consultations, used the expertise and experience of many AQF stakeholders, and commissioned two major pieces of research to assist with the development of its advice to MCTEE. It also considered other national policy directions and international developments in qualifications frameworks.

The AQF Council has commenced the development of implementation and transition arrangements in consultation with its key stakeholders.

The AQF Council's consultation papers, research reports and stakeholder responses are available on the AQF website on the [Projects page](#). Any enquiries should be sent to [aqfc@sa.gov.au](mailto:aqfc@sa.gov.au).

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