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Strengthening the AQF: An Architecture for Australia's Qualifications

In May 2009 the AQF Council released *Strengthening the AQF: A Proposal* for comment. The AQF Council has released a report that analyses the stakeholder feedback.

The *Strengthening the AQF: An Architecture for Australia's Qualifications* consultation paper was released by the AQF Council on 28 September 2009. This paper builds on the analysis of responses to the *Proposal*.

The paper details the proposed levels-based structure of the AQF with levels attributes and criteria, revised AQF qualification types descriptors and a notional duration of student learning. The levels criteria and qualification types descriptors are defined by learning outcomes and are expressed in terms of knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills.

The consultation paper is available on the AQF website at <http://www.aqf.edu.au>

Consultation workshops are being held with key groups of stakeholders during October. Open workshops will be held in Melbourne on October 12 and Sydney on October 13, 2009.

Please call the AQF Council on 08 8226 82775 if you wish to attend.

Written submissions can be sent to the AQF Council at aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au by October 16, 2009.

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Review of the AQF Issuance Policy

The AQF Council has identified that the existing issuance policy - *Issuing a Qualification* - detailed in *The AQF Implementation Handbook*, needs to be reviewed to:

- improve the clarity of information provided about AQF qualifications - especially to graduates and employers
- increase the protection of AQF qualifications, and
- ensure consistent application across all education and training sectors.

The review of this policy is being considered in the context of the AQF Council's work on strengthening the AQF.

The AQF Council has released a draft policy for consultation - *Qualification Issuance Policy and Protocols* - and is now seeking stakeholder views on the proposed policy.

The consultation paper is available on the AQF website at <http://www.aqf.edu.au>

Submissions can be sent to the AQF Council at aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au by November 29, 2009.

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