

Newsletter

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Happy New Year

We look forward to working with you again in 2010. We expect 2010 to be a busy year as we continue the work on strengthening the AQF.

This aim of the AQF newsletter is to keep you informed about the AQF. Additional information about the AQF Council's work and who to contact in the Secretariat is available on the AQF website www.aqf.edu.au.

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Executive Director

AQF Issuance Policy

A draft of the revised AQF policy on the issuance of qualifications was available for comment last year. Thank you for the many responses received.

Your comments and suggestions will be considered by the AQF Council at its meeting in March. Following this, further stakeholder feedback will be sought during March and April.

For more information contact Di Booker, Principal Project Officer on 08 8226 3331 or email Di.Booker@sa.gov.au

Strengthening the AQF: Testing the proposed strengthened architecture of the AQF

The Australian Qualifications Framework Council has commissioned research to empirically test the levels criteria, the qualification type descriptors and the placement of Australia's qualifications at a level in the proposed strengthened Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

During 2009 extensive stakeholder consultations were undertaken nationally to develop the draft criteria and descriptors and this research will test their validity and strength. Thank you for your contributions to earlier developmental consultations.

A consortium of experts in item response modelling for educational purposes will undertake the research. The consortium is led by Victoria University and includes Educational Measurement Solutions and Bateman & Giles Pty Ltd. An on-line survey is being designed to gather and analyse information from users of the AQF that will enable the structure of the strengthened AQF to be empirically examined.

If you use the AQF or have responsibility for developing, accrediting, delivering or assessing Australian senior secondary, vocational education and training or higher education qualifications you are encouraged to take part. Around 700 survey responses are needed. Your contribution will assist in fine tuning the structural elements of the strengthened AQF.

The on-line survey will be conducted during March 2010. It will take about 30 minutes to complete from your desk or laptop by accessing a dedicated website.

If you are interested in participating please keep an eye on the website www.aqf.edu.au for further information about the launch date of the on-line survey. We will send out another AQF newsletter towards the end of February with an update.

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Please disseminate this information to your colleagues and professional networks.

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