

VET APPLICANT SUPPORT POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The Applicant Support Policy ensures that VETASSESS has a robust and structured system in place to provide applicants with academic and personal support that meets their individual needs.

This policy provides information on the applicant support services available at VETASSESS and the strategies that it employs to ensure that applicants have appropriate support mechanisms to enable them to complete their skills assessment.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to prospective, new, and existing applicants enrolled in Vocational Education Training (VET) programs at VETASSESS.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

VETASSESS has procedures in place to provide applicants with academic and personal support while they are engaged in assessment activities with VETASSESS.

3.1 Access to Support Services

All applicants can, at any time of their program, seek academic or personal support by:

- Emailing their request to Manager, Skills Recognition – Trades
- Contacting VETASSESS administrative support by email, phone or in person at VETASSESS' head office in Melbourne, Australia.

Applicant requests for support that VETASSESS deem unreasonable or requests that undermine the integrity of the course or qualification will not be considered.

3.2 Available Support Services

VETASSESS provides the following services to its applicants:

- Manager, Skills Recognition – Trades can facilitate assistance with general study or personal issues affecting students
- Trade Assessors can provide advice on course discipline specific content
- Reasonable adjustment is made available for students who have indicated they have a learning or physical disability
- Options to participate in an online assessment from home for applicants who are unable to travel to an assessment facility
- Options for in person practical observation/demonstration of assessment for applicants who require this option due to personal circumstance*
- Course information fact sheets which are available on the VETASSESS website outlining all relevant information for all qualifications assessed by VETASSESS

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- Providing information relating to licensed occupations.

NB: * Applicants must be able to attend one of VETASSESS International assessments facilities to complete the practical assessment.

4. DEFINITIONS

N/a

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY

Who	Responsibility
Executive Director	Ultimate accountability for this policy rests with the Executive Director
Head, Vocation Education and Training (VET)	Responsible for implementing and disseminating this policy
VET Compliance Coordinator	Responsible for the development, review, and monitoring of this policy

6. APPENDICES

N/A


7. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

N/A

8. APPROVALS AND REVIEW DETAILS

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