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WELCOME

Welcome to the IVET Group (IVET). We are excited that you have decided to study with us and that we can support you with your learning journey, no matter where your career path leads to.

The IVET Group consists of three registered training organisation (RTO's):

IVET Institute PTY Ltd – RTO ID 40548 & TAE Training Academy – RTO ID 32413 Library Training Services Australia – RTO ID 32275.

TAE Training Academy applied to deliver the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment in 2017.

Our courses are designed by highly qualified staff with extensive industry and teaching experience to enable students every opportunity for success in their course.

We believe in supporting students towards higher levels of personal achievement in their learning and improving levels of student satisfaction with all aspects of their learning experience.

We draw on our established relationships with business; industry and government stakeholders to ensure our study programs; resources, structures and facilities are appropriate to the demands of our students and consistently meet their expectations.

Quality is maintained in compliance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisation's (RTOs) 2015, and improved via our continuous improvement system.

We continually strive to improve our reputation as a premium quality provider of Vocational Education and Training at competitive prices and we achieve this through the careful planning and implementation of specific marketing strategies and ensuring the consistent quality delivery of all services to stakeholders.

We wish you all the best with your studies and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

Matthew Trounce IVET Group CEO

TAE TRAINING ACADEMY VALUES

Quality

TAE Training Academy believes in quality training, delivery, resources and assessment. It is vital to our organisation and our ongoing success as an organisation to ensure that our students are achieving the best possible outcomes through ensuring continuous improvement of all facets of our organisation.

TAE Training Academy is also committed to assisting the industry to set benchmarks for a skilled, knowledgeable and exciting workforce, through regular industry consultation and feedback.

Connectedness

TAE Training Academy believes in positive relationships and the importance of developing connections with our trainers and students.

Integrity

TAE Training Academy believes in honesty and having the best interests of our students at the forefront of our organisation.

Learning

TAE Training Academy is committed to assisting students to achieve their educational best through a range of support services and innovative and engaging course materials and training delivery.

TAE TRAINING ACADEMY STAFF

All of the staff at TAE Training Academy are qualified and experienced teachers and / or VET practitioners, who understand the needs of today's learners and the importance of delivering training that is engaging, realistic and relevant to the learner and their future pathway.

TAE Training Academy understands the demands that many students experience and our trainers and staff are available to assist students over the duration of the course. For any queries, questions or assistance that you may have during your training our staff are always accessible by contacting our office.

Office Contact Details

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Phone: 1300 004 838

Email: admin@taetrainingacademy.com.au

Hours of Operation

Our office is open from 08:30AM to 16:30PM Monday to Friday

PRE-ENROLMENT

Prior to applying to undertake a course, students are encouraged to think about their individual learning needs. Students should then consider all the information provided in this Handbook and decide whether the course, training and assessment methods and support mechanisms are appropriate for addressing their individual learning needs. Learning needs can mean different things to different people. Some examples of individual learning needs may relate to / be the result of:

- Intellectual, psychological, physical or medical conditions or have vision or hearing impairments.
- Family, work or personal commitments that impact study
- Poor experiences encountered when undertaking previous studies
- Why you want to undertake the intended course e.g. to access further study or employment opportunities
- The amount of time you have available to study per week or the duration of time you have to complete a course e.g. 1 year.
- Preferred learning styles. Some people learn best through reading, listening or watching, some through working independently as opposed to in groups with others. Some people learn best when completing practical activities and / or learning on the job. Some people learn best when undertaking a variety of learning methods identified above.
- Existing knowledge, skills and experience relevant to their intended course of study

Prior to submitting an enrolment application all students should read this Handbook in full. Particular attention should be paid to the sections that outline how TAE Training Academy and the specific course in which you are interested could address your learning needs. e.g. read the section on the type of academic support that is available to support students who have problems understanding the terminology in a subject and / or with homework, etc.

Course information pages (which accompany this document) provide details on course aims, course duration and course demands per week, types of learning and assessment methodologies, and further study and employment opportunities on successful course completion. Students should think about whether the course and support mechanisms address their learning needs.

Students should note that course delivery and assessment methodologies, duration and many other aspects of a course can be amended (where feasible) to address individual learning needs.

Students should consider whether the support mechanisms outlined in this handbook are appropriate for supporting their individual learning needs. e.g. sometimes being provided access to modified training materials, address specific needs, or being provided extra time to complete a task allows students to appropriately address the assessment requirements.

During enrolment, students will be asked to identify any individual learning needs that require support during their course. It is recommended that students provide TAE Training Academy full details that will enable us to identify whether we can appropriately address your individual needs and if so how this can be achieved.

TAE Training Academy encourages students to contact us and discuss any specific learning needs you may have and how these can be supported during your studies.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

All students are provided with the opportunity to have their prior learning and experience assessed and gain recognition for this (Recognition of Prior Learning). This experience may have been gained from employment, previous formal training undertaken or life experiences. The RPL process will match a students' experience to the requirements in a unit of competency and be assessed to see if recognition can be granted.

Students may apply for RPL by submitting evidence of competency against the unit of competency performance criteria, performance evidence and knowledge evidence. The CT / RPL application form is available on request from your trainer.

Credit Transfer (CT)

TAE Training Academy recognises qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other Registered Training Organisations. Students who have successfully completed whole units of competency with another RTO can apply for credit transfer.

Both processes allow the student to reduce the time, study load and cost associated with achieving a qualification.

Students may apply for Credit Transfer by submitting a Credit Transfer application form along with original or certified certificates/ statements of attainment, by uploading the form and evidence at the time or registration. The CT/RPL application form is available on request from your trainer.

** Please note that RPL and CT applications can only be considered for whole units of competency and that your trainer will assess all requests for RPL.

Language Literacy and Numeracy

To ensure that we are catering for individual learning needs all students will complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) skills assessment as part of the enrolment process in accordance with regulatory guidelines. This process is completed as part of the Pre-training review.

If the student has an existing higher qualification as may be the case of a teacher completing a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40116, they will complete a pre-training review that will encompass a background check on their skills.

We are aware and understand that this can be a delicate matter. Our delivery and assessment methods can be adjusted to accommodate students with LLN needs where possible.

TAE Training Academy provides advice, support and help for any student requiring language, literacy and numeracy assistance. We also have relationships with agencies that can assist students who have LLN needs that cannot be accommodated by our staff and where appropriate we will work with external support systems to assist students in this area.

We welcome students with differing needs, and encourage potential or current students to contact TAE Training Academy for further information.

All delivery, assessment and instruction are carried out in English unless otherwise stated. There may be the opportunity available for you for "reasonable adjustment" concerning the assessment process, depending on the level of support you require. In the first instance, these should be discussed with your trainer.

Pre-Training Review

To ensure students are placed in a course with an appropriate training and assessment strategy we review their existing knowledge, skills, experience and qualifications relevant to the course for which they are applying. Students are asked to complete this Pre-training review during the application process by providing details of their existing knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the course.

Students' Language, Literacy and Numeracy ability is also assessed in conjunction with their knowledge, skills, experience and qualifications.

The results of the Pre-training review are used to determine if the student possesses the required LLN skills and knowledge, skills and experience to address course requirements and confirm whether the course is suitable for addressing their learning needs.

The Pre-training review and Enrolment forms are used to collect the information that will be analysed to determine if the course is appropriate for addressing the students learning needs.

If the student has an existing higher qualification as may be the case of a teacher completing a TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, they will complete a pre-training review that will encompass a background check on their skills.

Students are encouraged to contact TAE Training Academy if they require clarification of any terminology or information in this document or to discuss their learning needs.

Course information

Course information can be found at www.taetrainingacademy.com.au, or by speaking directly with us. This includes information on content, length, mode of study, entry requirements and pathway information.

ACCESS and EQUITY

TAE Training Academy is committed to integrating access and equity principles within all the services we provide to our students. All staff treat all students fairly, equally and without discrimination. Our Code of Conduct guides all staff activities and practice. TAE Training Academy provides access and equity to students with differing learning needs.

We encourage positive outcomes for students of the Vocational Education and Training system by giving them skills to participate successfully in Vocational Education and Training services and programs. TAE Training Academy trainers and teacher/trainers take specific needs into consideration from the planning stage onwards and adopt particular training and assessment methods as appropriate.

Regardless of cultural background, gender, sexuality, disability or age all students have the right to learn in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and be treated in a fair and considerate manner. TAE Training Academy has developed quality support services that enhance student's chances to achieve positive outcomes

If at any time, you feel that any teacher/trainer or staff member is not abiding by our Code of Practice we advise you to report your complaint or grievance to your teacher/trainer.

Students' right to access Australian Consumer Protection Law and other legal remedies is not affected by TAE Training Academy terms and conditions of enrolment.

Training & Assessment

Training Guarantee

TAE Training Academy will take all reasonable steps to ensure we provide a course to a student/s once it has been confirmed. In the unlikely event of TAE Training Academy being unable to fulfil its commitment to provide a course at the agreed date it will offer the student a full refund or re-schedule the course. TAE Training Academy takes a collaborative approach with students and provides support to facilitate the successful completion of the course within agreed timeframes.

Transition Arrangements

TAE Training Academy implements an effective policy and procedure to ensure that it delivers current AQF training package qualifications and accredited courses. This policy and procedure ensures new training packages and accredited courses are implemented within 12 months of their introduction and that students are fully informed of the process and subsequent arrangements.

If for any reason TAE Training Academy has to make any changes to the services that we agreed to provide the student pre-enrolment, we will notify the student as soon as possible in writing. The nature of the change/s along with reason/s will be provided. Students will be notified of the changes and impact on them as soon as practically possible.

TAE Training Academy is responsible for complying with the requirements of the VET Quality Framework when delivering Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) courses to students. When delivering Australian Qualification Framework courses to students, TAE Training Academy will implement decisions and actions to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the VET Quality Framework.

Training

Training is based on competency standards that outline the skills and knowledge to be applied in the workplace. Training is about assessing existing competence, developing the required competence and preparing people for assessment against specified competency standards.

All our nationally-recognised courses are designed in compliance with the guidelines of the relevant AQF training package. The course content and delivery methodologies accurately reflect the specifications outlined in the relevant AQF training package unit of competency.

Delivery and learning methodologies are tailored for each particular course to develop candidates' knowledge and skills so they are able to confidently perform associated tasks in the workplace on completion of their course.

Delivery and learning methodologies may include presentations, individual and group work activities, case studies, individual coaching and practical demonstrations. Delivery will involve a mixture of classroom and simulated work-based environments to develop competency.

Assessment

Student performance is assessed in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the relevant AQF training package unit of competence. This may be in the form of answering questions in writing, verbally, keeping logbooks or through practical demonstrations of knowledge and skills developed.

Each unit of competency will normally involve two or three assessments and after each assessment the students' submission will be marked S – satisfactory or NS – not-satisfactory.

Students are normally given 3 attempts to demonstrate competency at each assessment (including the initial submission). If they are still unable to demonstrate competency at this point (NYC) they must reenrol and undertake the training again. This will incur a fee.

Course progress

TAE Training Academy monitors students course progress and may provide assistance if the student is experiencing difficulties and not progressing through their course as per the course schedule.

Access to appropriate supports services is provided to assist students to successfully complete their course within the scheduled duration. TAE Training Academy may refer students to external sources if they are unable to sufficiently provide support for the students' learning needs. TAE Training Academy may refer students to external organisations if they are experiencing personal/welfare issues that are affecting their course progress.

TAE Training Academy takes all reasonable and feasible steps to assist students so they can successfully complete their course within the course schedule

Student Support Services

Academic Support

Students who are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of their course are encouraged to contact their teacher/trainer or a member of TAE Training Academy team. Our staff are able to provide academic support to facilitate the successful completion of your course. In certain circumstances, they may refer you to external agencies for support.

Welfare Support

We understand that our students sometimes require extra support to help them cope with their training course. Sometimes there can be personal issues that impact their successful course completion. Your trainer can discuss individual needs with you; if you are uncomfortable talking to your trainer, we invite you to contact our CEO. Our relationships with professional welfare services ensure that our students are provided with access to services if required.

Client feedback

To ensure we continually improve our training services and resources TAE Training Academy encourages students to give us feedback in an informal and formal way. Please approach any member of staff or your teacher/trainer with informal feedback. A more formal feedback form will be provided to you at the conclusion of your assessment process.

If you wish to complain about any aspect of your training and assessment with us please approach a member of staff or your teacher/trainer with informal complaints or formally by accessing the Complaints and Appeals process. Further information on the Complaints and Appeals policy and procedure is contained on our website.

Certificate Issuance

Certificates/ statements of attainment

TAE Training Academy is responsible for complying with the requirements of the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) to issue eligible students a Certificate and Record of results or a Statement of Attainment.

TAE Training Academy will issue students a Certificate and Record of results or a Statement of Attainment in accordance with its scope of registration. All Certificates, Record of results and Statements of Attainment will meet the requirements of the Australian Quality Framework (AQF). Certificates, Record of Results and Statements of Attainment will only be issued to students once all course-related fees due to TAE Training Academy have been fully paid by the student, and a valid Unique Student Identifier has been provided.

Upon successful completion of all the units of competency in their course of study, students will be issued a Certificate and Record of Results. A student who successfully completes some but not all of the units of competency in their course of study will be issued a Statement of Attainment indicating the units they have successfully completed.

Students who successfully complete a qualification with TAE Training Academy may be able to access job opportunities. However, students should note that successfully completing a course at TAE Training Academy does not guarantee that they will gain employment in a job role/ industry.

Notifying you if things change

TAE Training Academy will notify you promptly if there are any changes to TAE Training Academy, the course, or the arrangements for training and assessment. Please make sure you have provided us with your current home address, email address and mobile number on file so we can notify you of any changes if applicable.

Depending on the type of change, we may send a letter to your home address; send you an email, or an SMS message.

If there are any changes to agreed services, TAE Training Academy will advise the learner as soon as practicable, including a change in TAE Training Academy ownership.

Code of Conduct

TAE Training Academy practices are directed by our code of conduct. The code of conduct is a guide to ensure we consistently provide the highest possible quality services to all our stakeholders and ensure we act in a manner that respects their rights.

Access & Equity

TAE Training Academy ensures that:

- all students, teacher/trainers and TAE Training Academy staff are treated in a fair and equitable manner regardless of age, race, religion, gender, sexuality, disability or origin
- we employ a systematic, fair and equitable approach to enrolling students
- all TAE Training Academy staff and teacher/trainers will perform their duties in a fair, equitable and respectful manner
- all training and assessment staff and teacher/trainers employ language that facilitates learning and achievement and does not exclude sections of our students
- all TAE Training Academy staff and teacher/trainers are aware of their responsibilities with respect to equity and access
- → TAE Training Academy staff and teacher/trainer's activities are evaluated for continuous improvement purposes
- TAE Training Academy staff and teacher/trainers are culturally aware and sensitive to differing norms, beliefs and values
- systems are employed to receive feedback on its application of this policy
- → TAE Training Academy staff, teacher/trainers and students are required to comply with access and equity requirements at all times.

Management

TAE Training Academy ensures that:

- the provision of high quality training and assessment is its principal purpose
- all decisions will be informed by appropriate stakeholders to ensure that high quality training & assessment is consistently provided
- we adopt appropriate governance arrangements to guide the implementation of its strategic and business plans
- suitably qualified staff and teacher/trainers contribute to informed decision making in management, academic and support services
- all staff and teacher/trainers are aware of their responsibilities to students of TAE Training Academy
- it employs a fair and equitable systematic approach to recruitment, induction and professional development of its staff and teacher/trainers
- a safe learning environment is provided to facilitate student learning
- it maintains appropriate insurances
- it will inform the regulator of any significant changes to the control, senior management and scope of TAE Training Academy
- it provides the regulator with the required data in soft and hard copy when requested
- it will fully cooperate with the regulator during audits
- courses delivered are current and in accordance with training package requirements
- it will implement new training packages/accredited courses within 12 months of their introduction
- it communicates all appropriate information relating to academic and support services to students in a timely manner

Administration management

TAE Training Academy ensures that:

- AVETMISS & academic records are stored for a period of 30 years
- personal records are treated as confidential and stored on and off site
- it maintains appropriate systems to record and store student details relating to attainment, attendance, AVETMISS details and related correspondence
- it adopts an AVETMISS compliant student management system
- → TAE Training Academy staff, teacher/trainers and students are to be able to access their own records
- statements of attainment and certificates are awarded to students who successfully complete courses
- statements of attainment and certificates are provided in a timely manner
- statements of attainment and certificates contain the required information
- it employs unique student identifiers where required

Training & Assessment

TAE Training Academy ensures that:

- all learning and assessment materials are their own or permission obtained from publishers for use
- courses are delivered in accordance with AQF training package requirements or those prescribed for non-accredited courses.
- training and assessment strategies are employed for each course in accordance with regulatory requirements
- suitable learning and support resources are employed to guide staff, teacher/trainers and students
- the opportunity for Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer are provided to students
- all accredited courses provided are in accordance with its scope of registration
- appropriate academic and personal support services are provided to students
- □ language, literacy and numeracy needs are assessed and accommodated where appropriate
- all course learning and assessment material is systematically validated internally and externally
- all training and assessment strategies are systematically validated internally and externally
- course and TAE Training Academy information is provided to student's pre-enrolment and at orientation
- appropriate learning and assessment facilities are provided to facilitate achievement
- learning and assessment facilities comply with appropriate legislation
- agreements and Training Plans are negotiated and implemented for all students
- all training delivery is conducted within the agreed timetable

Staff

TAE Training Academy ensures that training and assessment staff and teacher/trainers:

- possess relevant current vocational experience for the course/s they deliver
- hold appropriate vocational qualifications
- possess a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or equivalent
- possess the Diploma in Vocational Education and Training or equivalent
- engage in professional development activities relevant to their teaching
- follow TAE Training Academy policies and procedures when training and assessing
- treat all students in a fair and equitable manner
- treat students in a non-discriminatory manner
- are fully informed of their roles and responsibilities

Marketing & enrolment

TAE Training Academy ensures that it:

- provides appropriate pre-enrolment information to students to enable them to make an informed choice of course
- does not provide false or misleading information about TAE Training Academy or its courses
- performs marketing activities with integrity and accuracy
- identifies all AQF accredited and non-accredited courses in all its materials
- identifies TAE Training Academy name and number on all its materials
- systematically reviews its marketing materials to ensure currency and accuracy
- employs a systematic, fair and equitable approach to enrolling students

Student support services

TAE Training Academy ensures that all students will be supplied information pre-enrolment on the following:

- course information
- enrolment process/ requirements
- assessment arrangements
- recognition of prior learning/ credit transfer
- qualifications issued
- academic support
- personal support
- literacy and numeracy requirements
- staff contacts
- facilities and equipment
- complaints and appeals policy and procedure

In addition, students will be provided access to appropriate academic and personal support services during their course.

All students will be continually updated via email and text messages throughout their course on their progress in units of competency.

All enquiries should be directed to TAE Training Academy CEO Matthew Trounce (matthew@ivet.edu.au), Chief Operating Officer Josh Miller (josh@ivet.edu.au), or admin@ivetadvancedtraining.com.au.

Students Code of Conduct

All students have:

- the right to be treated in a fair, equitable and respectful manner regardless of age, race, gender, religion, sexuality, disability or origin
- the right to learn in an environment free from intimidation and interference from others
- the right to access all services and facilities as identified in pre-enrolment information
- the right to suitably qualified and experienced trainers
- the right to seek academic advice and support from TAE Training Academy trainers
- the right to learn in a safe and clean environment that facilitates achievement
- the right to access the Complaints and Appeals policy to resolve disputes/ complaints

All students are expected to:

- approach learning and assessment activities in an ethical manner
- not engage in cheating or plagiarism
- submit work when required
- meet the terms of enrolment
- pay all tuition and other fees when requested
- attend all classes
- participate in course learning and assessment activities
- follow all TAE Training Academy instructions during learning and assessment activities
- treat other students, staff and teacher/trainers in a fair, equitable and respectful manner regardless of age, race, gender, religion, sexuality, disability or origin.

General Information

Support service contacts

Emergency Services	Phone 000 to report any emergencies
Translating and Interpreting Service	Phone 131 450
Life Line 24-hour Counselling Services	Phone 13 11 14
Doctor	Speak to your teacher/trainer to find the closest service
Dentist	Speak to your teacher/trainer to find the closest service
Counsellors	Life Resolutions Suite 614, 530 Little Collins Street, Melbourne (03) 9380 4444 or Speak to your teacher/trainer to find the closest service or utilise external support services.
Legal assistance	Law Institute of Victoria 470 Bourke St, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Hotline: (03) 9602 5000 Victorian Legal Aid Phone 9269 0120
Academic support	Phone 03 9067 0319 or utilise the services external agencies they have on offer
Access to records	Phone 03 9067 0319
Administration	Phone 03 9067 0319
Training staff	Speak to your teacher/trainer on: 03 9067 0319
Australian	GPO BOX 2960, Melbourne VIC 3001
Apprenticeships	Phone 9651 9999
(Victoria)	

Occupational / Work Health and Safety

TAE Training Academy conducts regular Health & Safety reviews covering all TAE Training Academy operations to ensure our equipment, materials and practices comply with all OHS / WHS legislation. We also ensure that our facilities comply with both TAE Training Academy standards as well as OHS / WHS legislation. Our staff and teacher/trainers will deliver training and assessment activities in a manner that removes or controls any hazard/risk.

Students must also act in a manner that safeguards their own health and safety and that of their fellow classmates. When TAE Training Academy staff and teacher/trainers are providing OHS / WHS information it is important that this is understood and instructions followed. If a student spots a potential hazard please report this to a member of staff and they will take the appropriate action.

Further information on OHS can be found at the following websites:

https://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/health/workplace-health-and-safety

https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/

https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/

Student Safety

We are committed to providing a safe, secure and supportive environment for our students. Security and personal safety is an important issue for everyone, and relies on all of us working together. When you are out and about it is important to be alert and aware of your personal safety.

Attendance

Students are required to attend all classes. If a student is absent they must inform TAE Training Academy of the reason for this absence, which must be recorded in accordance with TAE Training Academy policy and procedure.

TAE Training Academy recognises that sometimes students may be unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. If a student is aware that they are going to be absent prior to the day, they are required to inform their teacher/trainer who may give them work or study to complete at home.

TAE Training Academy will monitor student's attendance and provide appropriate support to facilitate successful completion within the scheduled period.

Privacy

TAE Training Academy will treat all personal information confidentially and will not disclose any details to a third party without the student's prior written consent, except where it is required to provide details to the regulatory body or by law.

Access to Records

Students may access their personal records free of charge at any time by contacting the TAE Training Academy staff on admin@taetrainingacademy.com.au. TAE Training Academy staff will arrange an appointment within 5 working days to view the records and ask the student to bring confirmation of identity.

Academic Misconduct

Students are also required to adhere to TAE Training Academy code of conduct. If a student is found to have acted in a way that TAE Training Academy deems to be misconduct, it may impact their successful completion of the course.

As outlined in the Code of Conduct students are expected to approach learning and assessment activities in an ethical manner. At TAE Training Academy, our students almost always conduct themselves with integrity and do not engage in plagiarism or cheating. Plagiarism and cheating can occur over confusion about what the definitions of each actually are. The following information is intended to provide guidance.

Cheating

Cheating is the use of any means to gain an unfair advantage during the assessment process. Cheating may be (but not limited to) copying a friends' answers, using mobile phones or other electronic devises during closed book assessments, bringing in and referring to pre-prepared written answers in a closed book assessment and referring to texts during closed book assessments amongst others.

Cheating in any form during assessments will result in the student's assessment submission being invalidated.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the submission of somebody else's work as your own. This may include copying all or part of another person's thoughts or ideas and representing them as your own. If a student fails to identify the original source of some or all of the submission this also constitutes plagiarism. If a student copies another student's work and passes this of as their own then this is also a form of plagiarism and cheating.

During assessment students will read about ideas and gather information from many sources. When students use these ideas in assignments they must identify who produced them and in what publications they were found. If students do not do this they are plagiarising. If students are including other people's work in submissions e.g. passages from books or websites, then reference should be made to the source.

For further information on what constitutes plagiarism please refer to: http://www.plagiarism.org/ or contact TAE Training Academy.

Submitting plagiarised work during assessments will result in the student's assessment submission being invalidated.

Collusion

Collusion is the presentation by a student of an assignment, as his or her own which is in fact the result in whole or in part of unauthorised collaboration with another person or persons. Collusion involves the cooperation of two or more students in plagiarism or other forms of academic misconduct or cheating. Both collusion and plagiarism can occur in group work.

Unauthorised collusion during assessments will result in the student's assessment submission being invalidated.

Cheating and / or plagiarism and / or collusion during assessments will be treated as a breach of the Code of Conduct and is deemed to be 'Academic Misconduct' and may lead to the student being removed from the course and their student visa being cancelled. No refund is available to the student in such circumstances.

All students have access to the Code of Conduct and Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure. The Code of Conduct is printed in the Student Handbook and a copy of the Academic Misconduct policy and procedure is available on request by contacting Administration at any time.

If students have been found to have colluded, cheated or plagiarised, there are penalties and processes that are followed. Students may be penalised by any of the following ways as:

- Be reprimanded
- Be required to repeat the assessment or complete a new assessment task
- **⇒** Fail all or part of the assessment
- Be suspended from studies
- ⇒ Have their enrolment cancelled

Complaints and Appeals

If students have an issue with any aspect of their training course they should bring this to the attention of their trainer, teacher/trainer or another TAE Training Academy staff member. TAE Training Academy staff will attempt to resolve this in an informal manner to the student's satisfaction.

If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of the informal complaint they may lodge a formal complaint by completing the formal complaints and appeals form contained in appendix one of this handbook. This will be dealt with in accordance with the complaints and appeals policy, also located in appendix one of this handbook.

Students have the right to appeal the outcome of a complaint or the outcome of assessment decisions if they are dissatisfied and feel they have been dealt with unfairly. This can be done by completing the complaints and appeals form located in appendix one of this handbook. The appeal will be dealt with in accordance with the complaints and appeals policy and procedure located in appendix one of this handbook.

If submitting a formal complaint or appeal form, students must provide reasons and supporting evidence justifying their grounds for the complaint or appeal.

If the student is still dissatisfied by the outcome of an internal appeal they have the right to the external complaints or appeals process.

An external party to TAE Training Academy will review the case to identify if TAE Training Academy has followed the correct process as stated in the complaints and appeals policy in handling the complaint or appeal. The external party does not review the outcome of the complaint or appeal.

Students' have the right to seek advice from and be represented by external parties at any time during the complaints and appeals process. The cost of this will be borne by the student.

If you require any further support and/or clarifications on the student handbook or TAE Training Academy's operations, then you can contact TAE Training Academy.

Workplace arrangements

The delivery of training sessions needs to be completed in the workplace. You will therefore need access to a training environment and at least 8 students in order to complete the requirements of parts of this course. You will also need equipment and resources to deliver the training – the equipment needed will depend on the training that you will deliver, but will include standard items such as a data projector, whiteboard, laptop / desktop computer, printer, stationery, etc.

You will need to assess at least 5 participants as part of the course. The participants you assess will generally be drawn from the students that you deliver the training to.

You are required to facilitate the delivery of training to at least two participants (in addition to the delivery of training sessions to 8 participants as described above). You should therefore also ensure that you are able to facilitate these sessions in the workplace.

If you have any queries regarding workplace arrangements, please do not hesitate to call TAE Training Academy.

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Cost

The cost of our course varies depending on the pathway you choose. Please see our web site for the most up to date course fees.

A maximum of \$1500 will be invoiced at the time of enrolment with the balance invoiced once you have completed 50% of the course. The fee includes a non-refundable activation fee (noted on the web site when you enrol).

Refunds

The activation fee (to activate your enrolment) for all courses is non-refundable in all circumstances (except provider default).

If a client withdraws from a course the following terms and conditions apply:

If an enrolment in the course is cancelled or changed more than 21 days prior to commencement of the course all fees less the activation fee is refunded.

If an enrolment in any course is cancelled by you within 21 days of commencement of the course, or you do not commence on the agreed date, or withdraw from the course once it has commenced, there will be no refund of fees paid to date, unless:

- illness prevents you from taking up the course;
- illness of a close family member of the client (parent, sibling, spouse or child) prevents you from attending the course; or
- extenuating circumstances exist.

Refunds in these circumstances are not automatic and are at the discretion of TAE Training Academy.

Clients must provide original and verifiable documentary evidence to TAE Training Academy in support of your request to cancel or defer your enrolment.

Where evidence can be successfully provided to support the client's circumstances, course fees may be transferred to the next available course where applicable. This decision of assessing the extenuating circumstances rests with TAE Training Academy and shall be assessed on a case by case basis.

It is the responsibility of the student to provide written advice of withdrawal, by completing a Withdrawal Form. Please contact TAE Training Academy to request a Withdrawal Form. Advice of withdrawal made by telephone will not be accepted.

The activation fee is non-refundable in all circumstances except if TAE Training Academy fails to deliver the course on the agreed start date and the client claims a refund.

Applying, processing and payment of refunds

All students can apply for refunds by completing the course refund / withdrawal form.

Course refund/ withdrawal forms may be requested by contacting TAE Training Academy.

Clients requiring assistance with completing course withdrawal/ refund forms may contact TAE Training Academy.

Course refund/ withdrawal forms must be submitted along with supporting documentation to TAE Training Academy PO Box 239 Yarraville, 3013.

Refund/ withdrawal requests will be approved/ rejected within 15 working days of receipt.

Refunds are made in the same manner fees were paid. If a student paid fees through credit card, the refund amount will be credited to the credit card; and same holds for other methods of payments.

All students will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application along with reasons why it was rejected (if appropriate).

Clients have the right to access the Complaints and Appeals policy and procedure if they wish to appeal the decision. Complaints and appeals must be lodged within 20 working days of receiving notification of the decision.

The client enrolment agreement and the availability of the Complaints and Appeals policy and procedure, does not remove the right of the client to take action under Australia's Consumer Protection Law.

Provider default

In the unlikely event that TAE Training Academy is unable to deliver the course in full, clients will be offered a refund of all the course money paid to date.

The following circumstances may be the cause of not providing the course in full:

If the offered course does not start on the scheduled starting date or an alternative agreed starting date

If the course ceases to be provided after the course starts but before the course is completed If a course is not provided fully to the client because TAE Training Academy has a sanction imposed by the National VET Regulator.

The refund will be paid within 15 days of the day on which the course ceased being provided. Alternatively, enrolment may be offered in an alternative course at TAE Training Academy at no extra cost. Clients have the right to choose whether to accept a full refund of course fees, or to accept a place in another course. If a client chooses placement in another course, clients will be asked to sign a document indicating acceptance of the placement at TAE Training Academy.

When acceptable documentary evidence is produced, refunds will be at the discretion of TAE Training Academy.

While TAE Training Academy emphasises the value of pastoral care and seeks to make appropriate and useful services available to clients, whether a client avails himself/herself of these services is a matter of individual choice.

Clients who breach the Code of Conduct may be excluded from their course. TAE Training Academy will review each case on its individual merits when deciding whether to pay a refund in such circumstances.

Clients who are withdrawn from their course and have their enrolment cancelled due to cheating or plagiarism are not entitled to refunds.

Appendix 1 – Complaints and Appeals Form

Signed:

Complaints and Appeals Form

Clients who wish to submit a complaint or appeal can do so by completing this form and submitting to the TAE Training Academy at admin@ivetadvancedtraining.com.au. Outline the reasons for the complaint/ appeal and attach any supporting evidence. Please indicate whether you are lodging a: Complaint \Box Appeal □ Client name: Date: Provide an explanation of the reasons why you are complaining/ appealing (please provide as much detail as possible, including staff/ clients involved, places, timings, assessment / course details and other relevant details (if appropriate). Note. Please attach all supporting evidence and submit this form to the Chief Operating Officer, TAE Training Academy, 131 Hyde Street, Yarraville (Office 26) or admin@taetrainingacademy.com.au