1. The Queensland Government Response to the Queensland Skills and Training Taskforce committed to providing a reform action plan for vocational education and training by mid-2013.
2. The Plan outlines actions that will transform the vocational education and training sector in Queensland into a contestable, vibrant and employment focused training market.
3. The Plan:

* gives industry and employers a central role in advising Government on the skill needs of the economy;
* creates a more equitable and transparent basis for competition between private and public training providers; and
* ensures that public investment is directed to priority training that meets the needs of Queensland’s economy.

1. Key reforms include:

* creating a genuine partnership with industry and employers to identify critical skills needs and prioritising training leading to employment;
* introducing new vocational education and training investment and student contribution arrangements that focus Government’s investment on training aligned with the skills needs of the economy;
* strengthening contracting and purchasing controls to ensure only high quality providers deliver contestably purchased training;
* improving student opportunities and access to training by introducing the Certificate 3 Guarantee to Government subsidised training, providing comprehensive course and career information and simplifying the apprentice and trainee system; and
* transforming TAFE to be a competitive, responsive, innovative and flexible public provider.

1. Cabinet approved the release of the Queensland Government action plan for reforming vocational education and training.
2. *Attachments*

* [*Great skills. Real opportunities*. The Queensland Government reform action plan for further education and training](Attachments/Plan.PDF)