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Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

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Overview

▸ What is TEQSA?

▸ Current Reform Agenda

▸ Course design and quality assurance

▸ Physical and electronic resources

What is TEQSA?

▸ A national, standards based regulator

▸ All higher education providers operating in or from Australia

▸ Some ELICOS and Foundation Program providers

Why is TEQSA important?

- ▶ Nationally consistent regulation
- ▶ Standards based framework reflecting our three principles:
    - ▶ Regulatory necessity
    - ▶ Reflecting risk
    - ▶ Proportionate regulation
- ▶ Protect and enhance;
    - ▶ Reputation
    - ▶ Competitiveness
    - ▶ Excellence, diversity and innovation
- ▶ Protect students by ensuring a quality experience

Reform Agenda

▶ Building on 2.5 years of regulatory experience

▶ Responds to:

    ▶ sector feedback

    ▶ recommendations of the Review of Higher Education Regulation

How will we measure success?

▸ A reduction in regulatory burden, on the basis of risk

▸ Faster turnaround on decisions

Course Accreditation Standard 1.2

▶ *"…robust internal processes for design and approval of the course…which…take account of external standards and requirements, e.g.*

- ▶ *published discipline standards*
- ▶ *professional accreditation*
- ▶ *input from relevant external stakeholders…"*

Course Accreditation Standard 6.1

▸ *"…ensures the course of study is systematically updated, through internal revision and external review, and that its coherence is maintained".*

Provider Registration Standard 7

▶ Physical and electronic resources and infrastructure

  ▶ **7.1**: Safe, well-maintained facilities and infrastructure sufficient to achieve expected learning and research outcomes

  ▶ **7.2**: IT infrastructure and software to ensure students have ready access to online information and resources

  ▶ **7.3**: Student have access to people who can respond to queries

  ▶ **7.4**: Maintenance of facilities and resources through effective planning

Conclusion

▸ TEQSA is a national, risk based regulator

▸ We are streamlining regulatory processes

▸ The Threshold Standards require that providers demonstrate their course design and academic quality assurance process.

▸ Being able to demonstrate engagement with external stakeholders is key

Websites and Further Information

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