

Maximising confidence in assessment decision-making – a springboard to quality in assessment

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The introduction of Training Packages has focused attention in the VET sector on the quality of assessment. For the process of mutual recognition under the Australian Recognition Framework to work effectively there needs to be confidence across the board in assessment decisions made by training organizations. The issues of quality and consistency in assessment have become central to the development of the VET system in Australia.

Maximising confidence in assessment decision making was a NREC activity undertaken by the Canberra Institute of Technology with the TAFE NSW Vocational Education and Assessment Centre (VEAC) in 2000. This project explored issues of quality in assessment by identifying strategies for the verification and validation of assessment decisions being used by assessors in RTOs as well as examples of good practice.

This workshop will give an overview of the Maximising confidence in assessment decision making project and the range of quality assurance strategies it produced. We will explore a number of approaches taken by specific RTOs and industries when they have implemented some of these strategies to improve the quality of their assessment system.
