

# POLICY

## THIRD PARTY ACCESS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FACILITIES

Responsibility of: Employment and Training Division  
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### 1 POLICY

Publicly funded Registered Training Organisations' (RTO) facilities in the Northern Territory are to be available, on a commercial basis, to third parties for purposes that do not conflict with the providers' vocational education and training (VET) purposes, in accordance with the *Commonwealth/State Skilling Australia's Workforce Agreement 2005-2008*.

RTOs that receive funds from the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) for the establishment and maintenance of facilities and equipment are required to enter into an annual Resource Agreement. The Resource Agreement will require commitment to this Third Party Access Policy, which incorporates the following principles:

1. Publicly funded facilities and equipment will be made available to other RTOs for the delivery of publicly funded training at a commercial rate to be negotiated between parties.
2. Such access should not disrupt scheduled training programs; preferably, access by third parties should occur outside normal training delivery times.
3. VET students in the Northern Territory have maximum access to training opportunities.

Should a private provider have difficulty negotiating access to a publicly funded institution, the matter shall be referred to DEET.

### 2 BUSINESS NEED

The Northern Territory Government, in signing the [Commonwealth/State Skilling Australia's Workforce Agreement 2005-2008](#), has made a commitment to the statutory requirement to increase the utilisation of publicly funded training infrastructure. See *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* [Part 2, Division 2, Section 14](#).

### **3 RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 Director, Training Branch, Employment and Training, is responsible for developing and maintaining this policy.
- 3.2 Deputy Chief Executive, Employment and Training, is responsible for approving this policy.

### **4 RELATED DOCUMENT**

The Resource Agreement between DEET and the RTO.

### **5 DEFINITION**

#### *Publicly funded Registered Training Organisations*

Registered training organisations, registered in accordance with the Australian Qualifications Training Framework to provide vocational education and training and/or assessment services, that receive funding under the Northern Territory General Recurrent program.

### **6 REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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