



Fact Sheet - New training package impacting Project Management qualifications

What is a training package?

A Training Package is a guide for training and a standard for assessment. These are created by industry groups to reflect the needs of training areas. Training Packages are the basis on which all nationally recognised competency standards and qualifications are built. Because they are national in scope, they allow for standards to be set and reached nationally. Project Management comes under the Business Services (BSB) Training Package. As of 19 October 2020, Version 7.0 of the package was endorsed.

Why does the training package change?

Industry bodies decide what is the current best practice in each area of speciality, this then feeds into qualification content and assessment expectations. All RTOs that deliver the qualifications are then responsible for implementing these changes. For most training packages it occurs around every five years to ensure currency of terms, practice, and application of skills.

When will the current qualification be replaced?

All Registered Training Organisations (RTO), such as The Moreland Group, have 18 months from the endorsement date (19 October 2020) in which to transition to the new training package. The final date that The Moreland Group can issue qualifications in the current training package is 19 April 2022. This does not mean that the current version is no longer relevant, especially since the new project management qualifications have been deemed “equivalent”, it just means there have been changes in industry that now need to be reflected.

What does this mean to my completion of the qualification?

If your completion date falls after the date that training providers must switch to the new qualification you will need to transition to the new course material and assessment. In the case of the project management Certificate IV and Diploma there are new components (additions) that would need to be undertaken.

The Moreland Group aims to make the transition as simple as possible, so all additional content and assessment will be delivered via the LMS, along with the expectations for assessment. Assessors will also be able to discuss the changes during webinars.

I started in the current training package, why can't I finish it?

You certainly can if you are able to complete all assessments by mid Feb 2022 as we are no longer allowed to issue qualifications past April 2022 in the existing training package. Time must be allowed for marking so at least 6 weeks prior to April is recommended, more time if possible as this allows for any resubmissions.

Can I still apply for an extension on my end date into 2022?

Extensions are still available, however if the end date goes beyond April 2022 gap assessment to transition will be required.



What is the difference between the current and updated qualifications?

Changes are around terminology and volume of evidence. For instance, where you previously needed to provide only one example of a quality plan, you would now need to produce two examples. For terminology changes it may mean a change to the templates we provide, the wording of quiz questions, or a slight change in the performance expectation. These additional items/changes will be part of a gap assessment that transitioning students will be given to complete.

Additional evidence will need to be submitted to support any current submissions, marked or unmarked. This may be an additional observation with your assessor or another instance of demonstrating your project management capability with documentation. There may also be quiz questions added for short answer responses.

These will be structured in the same chapters already seen in the LMS.

If you have any questions about gap assessments after receiving them the Assessor is the first point of call. They are the most qualified to deal with assessment questions and have been briefed on the changes.

Does this change my assessor arrangements?

Your assessor remains the same even if you move to the updated version of the qualification as they have a history with your previous submissions. Assessors can clarify any points you are unsure of regarding the new requirements. Before contacting your assessor, please ensure you have read the additional material as it may have the answers you need.

When is the last date to finish the current qualification?

If you intend to finish before March 2022 then please continue submitting your assessments. The last day for submitting assessments in the current courses is the 15th of Feb 2022 to allow time for marking and resubmits so ensure you have that in your plan.

Do I get more time with the added work of gap assessment?

All transition students completing gap assessments are eligible for a free 3-month extension. This is via a form submitted to the TMG inbox.

Are there additional fees for transitioning to the updated version?

All students with an active enrolment at the end of train out (April 2022) will transition free of charge into the new qualification and be eligible for a free 3-month extension. If your enrolment has lapsed, then re-enrolment fees will apply.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

The Moreland Group will keep you updated on each stage of the process and key dates; however, if you have any concerns please feel free to contact us at training@moreland-grp.com.au