

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000179

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Industry Skills Fund (accreditation)

Question

Based on 2015-2016 year reporting of training completions, it is apparent that approximately one quarter (24%) of the training undertaken under the Industry Skills Fund was for accredited training. Of what type was the training that was not accredited? Did individuals that received unaccredited training achieve a training outcome that could contribute to a qualification?

Answer

In 2015–16, 50 per cent of approved training was accredited training and 50 per cent was non-accredited training. Under the Industry Skills Fund (ISF), funding has been provided to support non-accredited training under each of the 12 Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) categories.

The five categories most commonly funded were:

- Management and Commerce;
- Engineering and Related Technologies;
- Information Technology;
- Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies; and
- Food, Hospitality and Personal Services.

The *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015* require RTOs to offer Recognition of Prior Learning to learners, including for competencies acquired through previously completed non-accredited training.