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Department of Education and Training Communique – transition dates extended

On 29 July 2015, ASQA extended the transition date for HLT51612 from 7 December 2016 to 30 June 2018. This was after industry consultation, which advised that typically training and assessment programs designed for new learners were 18 months in duration. An extension approved by ASQA allows the RTO to ‘teach-out’ learners in that extended period. It prohibits the RTO from enrolling new learners in the qualification. Therefore, ASQA advised ANMAC on 10 March 2016 that new enrolments into HLT51612 must be ceased as of 7 December 2016 and all enrolled learners must complete their training and assessment and be issued their qualification by 30 June 2018. If this could not be completed by 30 June 2018, then students were to be either issued with a Statement of Attainment for the units completed or transitioned to HLT54115.

Subsequent to this the Department of Education and Training published a communique on 18 March 2016 announcing extended transition dates by six months for all training package qualifications endorsed by the AISC between September 2015 and March 2016—[Extension of period to meet superseded product requirements for training products endorsed between September 2015 to March 2016](#). HLT51612 fell into this category, as the superseding qualification HLT54115 was endorsed within this period. This extended the total transition period from 12 to 18 months. This allows an RTO to enrol new learners until the 7 June 2017.

However, RTOs enrolling learners up to 7 June 2017 still only have till 30 June 2018 to complete all training and assessment and issue the qualification. ASQA has stated that there will not be extension to the transition date beyond 30 June 2018.

ASQA further notes that RTOs should advise any new students enrolling between 7 December 2016 to 7 June 2017:

- they may not be able to complete HLT51612 by 30 June 2018 and
- the arrangements made to transition them to HLT54115¹, or
- issue them with a Statement of Attainment for the units completed.

If RTOs are requiring any information regarding transition arrangements or any other matter, please contact ASQA’s Infoline on 1300 701 801 or email enquiries@asqa.gov.au

¹ To comply with the Standards for RTOs 2015, an RTO must ensure it has HLT54115 on its scope of registration prior to advising students of this transition arrangement.