Statement of VET Tuition Assurance

Under the provisions of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA) and Chapter 3 of the VET Provider Guidelines South West Institute of TAFE (the First Provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements. This is to protect students in the event that South West Institute of TAFE ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled. The meaning of “ceasing to provide a VET course of study” is set out at paragraph 3.1.25 of the VET Provider Guidelines. A copy of these is available from: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/F2012L02569

In the event that South West Institute of TAFE ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled the student is entitled to a choice of:

a) an offer of a place in a similar VET course of study with a Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (this is known as the “VET Course Assurance Option”);

OR

b) a refund of his or her up-front VET payments for any VET unit of study that the student commences but does not complete because South West Institute of TAFE ceases to provide the VET course of study of which the VET unit forms part (this is known as the “VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option”)

South West Institute of TAFE has met the VET tuition assurance requirements as specified in the VET Provider Guidelines through its current membership of the TAFE Directors Australia VET Tuition Assurance Scheme (VET TAS).

Contact details for TAFE Directors Australia VET Tuition Assurance Administrator are:
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If South West Institute of TAFE ceases to provide a VET course of study, TAFE Directors Australia VET Tuition Assurance Scheme Administrator will send a student enrolled in the VET course of study a Written VET Tuition Assurance Offer (the Offer) advising the student of the options available under the VET tuition assurance requirements. The Offer will include directions that the student must follow in order to notify TAFE Directors Australia VET Tuition Assurance Scheme Administrator of the choice they have made for each affected VET unit. TAFE Directors Australia VET Tuition Assurance Scheme Administrator will provide this Offer within twenty Business Days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries that South West Institute of TAFE has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

For the purposes of VET FEE-HELP, all courses offered by South West Institute of TAFE in accordance with the course requirements of clause 45 of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 are covered by the TAFE Directors Australia VET Tuition Assurance Scheme (“the Scheme”) as part of South West Institute of TAFE’s membership of the Scheme.