

Applied Research and Innovation in TAFE

Webinar Series

Friday, 20 March, 2020 | 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm



The Victorian TAFE Association's applied research webinars series is a platform to showcase, celebrate and recognise the exceptional applied research and innovation activities taking place across Victoria's TAFE network.

About the Speaker

Mick Prato

**WorldSkills Victorian State Manager
Victorian TAFE Association**

A carpenter by trade, Mick has 25 years' experience working in the construction industry the last 15 years working as a registered building contractor. Mick became involved with WorldSkills during his role as a Workplace Learning Coordinator working with VETiS and VCAL students, organising work placements, Taster programs and Career Expo's as well as working with disabled and disengaging students. He has been involved in regional and national competitions and in 2014 was a Victorian VETiS Team Leader in Perth.



Mick was previously employed by WorldSkills Australia as the Victorian Regional Coordinator, where he implemented strategies for the growth of WorldSkills within the state as well as leading the coordination of all Victorian WorldSkills activities. Mick is currently employed by the Victorian TAFE Association as the WorldSkills Victorian State Manager, where he continues to demonstrate a passion for helping to realise and lift the aspirations of young people.

Webinar Topic

Practical Summative Assessment for Vocational Education and Training using WorldSkills Standard Specifications

Overview

Australia's (and Victoria's) Vocational Education & Training (VET) system embraces competency-based training and competency-based assessment (CBT/CBA). By contrast, numerous countries around the world do not use CBA and instead use a graded system to assess the skill level of VET students and to promote excellence.

One of the ways in which a number of both established and emerging VET systems in the world grade their assessments is through the internationally recognised WorldSkills Standard Specifications.

This webinar builds on Mick Prato's work in investigating the WorldSkills Standard Specifications and their applicability and benefits to the VET system in Victoria and Australia. Building on his success in achieving a Fellowship from the International Specialised Skills Institute, Mick explored the successful integration of WorldSkills Standard Specifications into the VET systems of other jurisdictions, visiting and viewing its operation first hand in Russia, China, the United Kingdom, Finland and Hong Kong.

Mick's research indicates that the WorldSkills Standard Specifications can potentially strengthen Victoria's own VET system. This webinar will outline some of Mick's findings and to look at the applicability and benefits to the VET system in Victoria in adopting the WorldSkills Standard Specifications.

Key audience

The webinar is open to anyone interested in applied research and innovation.

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Registrations close Thursday 19 March.

Cost

Attendance is **FREE**.

Enquiries

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