

21. Functions of the Board

- (1) The functions of the Board are —
 - (a) to prepare a State Training Profile for the approval of the Minister as and when required by the Minister;
 - (b) to recognise various industry training advisory bodies as bodies from which the Board takes advice in relation to the preparation of a State Training Profile;
 - (c) to prepare, for consideration by the Minister —
 - (i) policy which aims to improve the links between specific industry developments and vocational education and training so as to gain optimum employment opportunities for people, and ensure the availability of appropriately skilled labour, in the State;
 - (ii) policy relating to the accreditation of courses, skills training programmes and qualifications, the registration of training providers and the recognition of skills; and
 - (iii) policy relating to the prescribing of vocations for the purposes of training schemes;
 - (d) to perform the functions vested in it under Division 2 of Part 4 in relation to appeals against decisions made by the Council; and
 - (e) to provide advice to the Minister on the matters set out in subsection (2).
- (2) The Board is to provide advice to the Minister on —
 - (a) the existing and anticipated supply and demand for skills in various industries, particularly expanding industries and industries which are experiencing or are expected to experience a shortage of skilled labour, and on proposed strategies to support such industries;
 - (b) strategic directions, policies and priorities for the State training system;
 - (c) emerging international, national and State training issues;
 - (d) the extent to which training services meet the current and future requirements of industry and the community, including the requirement for equal opportunity of access to those services; and
 - (e) any other matters, as directed by the Minister.