



# Towards a National Strategy for Education and Employability for Australia's Industry 4.0

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 12:00 - 5:00pm  
National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Canberra, Australia

## Australian Council of Professions

*The Unifying Alliance of Professional Associations in Australia*

Employability means ensuring learners across their life-span are prepared for engaged citizenship and to find and create meaningful work. But work and society are changing rapidly. Much has been achieved in employability and work-integrated learning - but more remains to be done.

The Round-Table in November 2019 brought together thought leaders who drafted a Statement of Intent for a National Strategy to evolve Australia's education ecosystem to accommodate industry needs, promote social cohesion and enable citizens across the lifespan – regardless of their place or starting point.

This follow-on session will explore the next steps. See also [www.Professions.org.au/education-employability](http://www.Professions.org.au/education-employability)



*We thank UAC for their generous partnership and support of this event.*



12:00 - 12:30

*Registration - Tea & Coffee*

12:30 - 12:40

### **Welcome - Acknowledgement of Country - Overview & Objectives**

*Dr David Christie - Managing Director, Universities Admissions Centre*

12:40 - 13:00

### **Why do we need a National Strategy? Why the Initiative? The Story so Far...**

*Prof Beverley Oliver & Klaus Veil*

#### **It Takes Talent**

*Stephen Parker - National Education Sector Lead, KPMG*

### **Babies and Bathwater: Education fit for an Economy, a Democracy and a Human Being**

*Elizabeth Stone - Principal, Queenwood School, Sydney*

13:00 - 14:40

### **How can we best Assess and Certify the Unique Skills and Knowledge of Students?**

*Prof Sandra Milligan - Director, Assessment Research Centre, Uni of Melbourne*

### **A Verifiable Credential Ecosystem for Life-long Learning and Employment**

*Dudley Collinson - CIO, Universities Admissions Centre*

14:40 - 15:00

*Tea and Coffee*

### **Enhancing the Viability of Small Business People - now and into the Future**

*Peter Strong - CEO, Council of Small Business of Australia*

15:00 - 16:00

### **The new AQF - supporting an Education System of the Future**

*Prof Sally Kift - President, Australian Learning and Teaching Fellows*

### **Why a Healthy VET Sector is Critical to our Future Prosperity**

*Craig Robertson - CEO, TAFE Directors Australia*

**Q&A Panel Session: How can we create and drive an Education Ecosystem that best serves learners at different life stages and facilitates future employability by supporting lifelong learning? How would this look like in 1 year? 5 years? 10 years?**

16:00 - 16:55

*Anthony McClaran - Chief Executive Officer, TEQSA*

*Dom English - Group Manager, Department of Education, Skills and Employment*

*Kadi Taylor - Head Strategic Engagement and Government Relations, Navitas*

*Pat O'Reilly - Head, Pathways and Partnerships, Sydney Catholic Schools*

*Facilitated by Prof Beverley Oliver*

16:55 - 17:00

### **Concluding Remarks**

*Klaus Veil - President, Australian Council of Professions*

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We are a not-for-profit organisation comprised of professional associations and organisations that share the mission of building and maintaining community confidence in all professionals.

Our work creates impact in three main policy areas:

- Education and Accreditation
- Professionalism and Ethics
- Diversity and Inclusion

Our current main projects are:

- Life-Long Learning/Education and Employability for Australia's Industry 4.0 Initiative
- Principles of Micro-Credentials
- "Education and Employability - Collaborating with Industry" Summit
- Professionalism and Ethics Summit

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The work of the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) is done at critical points in the lifelong journey. As the nexus between these transitions our interest and passion is in how best learners can go between work and study and back again.



There is no doubt that to meet the challenges that lay ahead the highly skilled workforce that Australia already enjoys will need rigorous and robust systems, technologies and policy frameworks on a national level.

Our hope is that today's conference is another step forward in making that a reality.