

INDUSTRY LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MICRO-CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

The proponent is required to demonstrate employer or industry support for the proposed micro-credential and address a **genuine gap** that is unable to be met through the current national training systems. The proponent must:

- Identify the industry referees they engaged with who can validate that the proposed micro-credential will **address current, emerging skills, knowledge or attributes needed by industry/ business**.
- Identify referees who can **validate the demand** and that they are likely to employ the graduates from the micro-credential/s or provide potential learners to undertake the proposed training.

Employer/ Industry referees must be relevant to the proposed micro-credential that the proponent is seeking endorsement for. It is the Commission's expectation that the employer/industry statements of support address the following criteria:

- Provide the details of three industry, business/ industry association representatives or training and assessment referees in South Australia that the proponent engages with.
- Provide a written assigned statement from each referee covering the following key areas:
 - Duration of the relationship between the referee and the proponent
 - What is the referee's understanding of the micro-credential course proposed by the proponent?
 - Was the referee involved in the development of the training and assessment material for the proposed micro-credential?
 - How does the training and assessment material in the proposed micro-credential course compare to that of an equivalent accredited training product?
 - How does it help the referee's business or industry to meet current and future skills needs? What skill gap does it address?
 - How would this proposed micro-credential help to unlock business growth in South Australia?
 - How does the course meet the referee's contemporary industry needs?
 - Would the referee enrol their staff into the proposed micro-credential course?
 - Would the referee employ graduates from this proposed micro-credential course?
 - In the referee's opinion, would graduate/s of this proposed micro-credential likely to require further training or education?
 - Would the referee have any concerns about the micro-credential course and how it is going to be delivered?
 - Any other comments the referee would like to make to help the South Australian Skills Commission make its decision on endorsing the proposed micro-credential course.
- Statement from industry referees **must be customised** to reflect the nature of the engagement between the proponent and referees.
- Referees must **be independent** from the proponent to avoid a conflict of interest.