



## The National Training Framework

The 'Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety (2002)' does not require mandatory training as it is widely regarded that skills and knowledge may be gained in various different ways.<sup>1</sup>

As it is the responsibility of the dairy business to ensure that persons handling or supervising the production of dairy food have appropriate skills and knowledge in food safety and food hygiene, the business may choose the best option(s) for attaining this. See 'Dairy Food Safety Note 13 – Food Safety and HACCP Training for Dairy Food Manufacturers' for more information.<sup>2</sup>

### Qualifications

People employed by the dairy manufacturing sector have access to formal qualifications via both short courses and longer more structured ones. Formal qualifications exist through the Vocational Education Training (VET) system, as described in 'Dairy Food Safety Note 14,' but also through tertiary institutes providing Graduate and Post-Graduate courses and programs.<sup>3</sup>

### Experience

The level of skills, knowledge, and capabilities of any person employed in the dairy manufacturing sector, increases through participation in both on the job training and workplace experience. Experience in the workplace is invaluable in putting the principles of food safety into context.

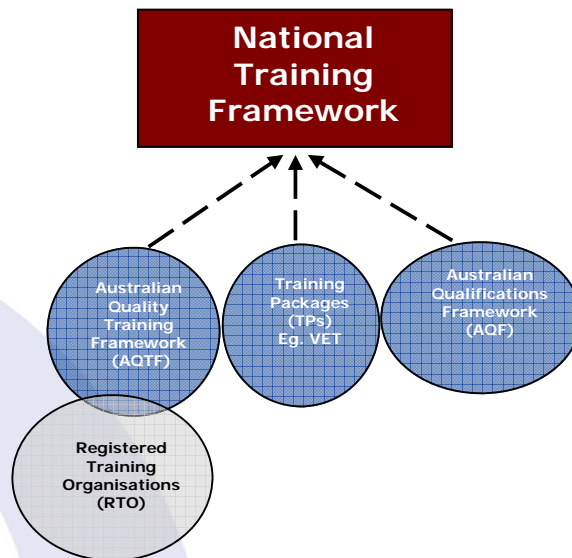
### What is the National Training Framework?

Formal training in Australia is part of a framework that operates on a national level. It is a unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFEs and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities).

The National Training Framework is made up of the following elements which are overseen by the Department of Education, Science and Technology (DEST):

- The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- The Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF)
- Registered training organisations (RTO's)
- State and territory registering authorities such as the Office of Training and Tertiary Education (OTTE) in Victoria

The relationship between each component can be seen in the diagram below:



### What is the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)?

The AQF defines all nationally recognised qualifications. It provides a single framework for all qualifications from Senior Secondary Certification to PhD.

### What is the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF)?

The Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) is the nationally agreed arrangements that oversee the quality of vocational education and training (VET) services in Australia. There are two sets of standards under the AQTF; one that sets standards for registered training organisations (RTOs) and one that sets Standards for State and Territory Registering and Course Accrediting Bodies.

### What is a Registered Training Organisation?

Training organisations must meet AQTF standards to become registered. Only registered training organisations (RTOs) can issue AQF qualifications and deliver training and assessment services. For example, all TAFE institutions are RTOs.

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### What are the Standards for Registered Training Organisations?

These standards specify what a registered training organisation (RTO) must do to become registered and maintain registration, including:

- have systems in place to provide quality training and assessment across all of its operations;
- comply with Australian, state or territory legislation;
- have effective financial management procedures in place;
- have effective administrative and records management procedures in place;
- recognise the nationally endorsed qualifications issued by other RTOs;
- apply access and equity principles to provide timely and relevant information to clients; and
- have competent staff.

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### What is a 'Training Package'?

Training Packages are sets of nationally endorsed standards and qualifications for recognising and assessing people's skills. A training package describes what sort of skills and knowledge a person needs in the workplace. They are designed in consultation with industry bodies such as the Agri-Food Industry Skills Council in the case of the Food Industry Training Packages.

Training Packages are endorsed nationally and are reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to meet the needs of industry, students and the community.

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### References

1. Dairy Food Safety Victoria, (2002), 'Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety' Available at: [www.dairysafe.vic.gov.au/pdf/DFSV\\_CodeOfPractice2002.pdf](http://www.dairysafe.vic.gov.au/pdf/DFSV_CodeOfPractice2002.pdf)
2. Dairy Food Safety Victoria (2006) 'Dairy Food Safety Note 13 – 'Food Safety and HACCP Training for Dairy Food Manufacturers.'
3. Dairy Food Safety Victoria (2006) 'Dairy Food Safety Note 14 – The VET system: Vocational Education Training (VET).'

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### Further Information

- The National Training Framework: [www.ntis.com.au](http://www.ntis.com.au); [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au)
- General training information: [www.training.com.au](http://www.training.com.au)
- Food safety training: [www.haccp.com.au](http://www.haccp.com.au); [www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/)
- Training packages: [www.tpatwork.com.au](http://www.tpatwork.com.au)

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