

Why VET. It's Right Now.

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Biography:

David is the current Executive Director of the Career Industry Council of Australia. He has more than 20 years' experience working in the career development industry and is recognised nationally and internationally for the knowledge and expertise he brings to the field. David is a passionate advocate and contributor to improving quality and access to career development services in Australia including the development of professional standards, quality frameworks, online services, practitioner registration, workforce career development and a range of national career development initiatives.

Australia is going through the most significant disruption in the world of work since the industrial revolution. As educators and influencers, how we respond has huge implications for the next generation.

Careers are now increasingly seen not as being 'chosen' but as being constructed, through the series of choices about learning and work that people make throughout their lives. We must support individuals to make well-informed career decisions. We need to equip them with skills for tomorrow and provide the training they need to succeed today.

Right now, vocational education and training (VET) is preparing Australians for emerging industries and occupations, with VET qualifications covering 10 out of 10 occupations expected to grow by 2022. VET's in touch with the realities of the current and future employment market – because it's entirely driven by the employment market. It's right now.

As we head further into the age of digital disruption and rapid automation, it is becoming clearer that the jobs of the future will require individuals to possess a broad range of transferable skills, and many of these are found in VET. However, many Australians of all ages are not aware of the many opportunities that VET can provide its graduates and employers.

In this presentation, we will show you how the Career Industry Council of Australia is working with the Australian Government Department of Education and Training to ensure students and their advisors are made aware that VET delivers real skills for real careers.