

Parliament of Victoria  
Legislative Assembly, Economy and Infrastructure Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
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Via email: [Unskillsinvestment@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Unskillsinvestment@parliament.vic.gov.au)

**RE: Response to question on notice, Inquiry into Victorian Universities' Investment in Skills - Public Hearing**

Engineers Australia thanks the Legislative Assembly, Economy and Infrastructure Committee for the opportunity to present at the public hearing on Thursday 16 June 2022 regarding the Parliament of Victoria's Inquiry into Victorian Universities' Investment In Skills.

On behalf of Jane MacMaster, Chief Engineer, and Alesha Printz, General Manager, Victoria, please find further information about the criteria for evaluation. The criteria being developed is to evaluate programs, including Micro-credentials, through our Program Endorsement Framework which is nearing the end of its development through pilot testing.

1. Evaluation by expert panel, including (as a minimum):
  - a. technical expertise from an area of practice relevant to the program proposal. Engineers Australia considers an expert to be someone with substantial industry experience (10 years plus) who are leaders in their field and are recognised as competent in their area of practice (e.g., Chartered Professional Engineer).
  - b. education expertise with experience in tertiary level educational pedagogy, program design, development, assessment, implementation and continuous evaluation and improvement. An expert is considered to meet a similar criterion to an engineering practitioner, except through the lens of academic achievement in the tertiary sector.
2. Evaluation criteria:
  - a. There are 10 Program Endorsement Criteria divided into three categories:
    - i. Program Criteria (PC).
    - ii. Operational Criteria (OC).
    - iii. Quality Criteria (QC).
3. Professional judgment of evaluation panel members is used to determine one of three outcomes for each requirement. These outcomes are:
  - a. Meets the criteria.
  - b. Partially meets the criteria – a request may be made to the applicant.
  - c. Does not meet criteria – a request may be made to the applicant.



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4. All criteria are required to be met/addressed for the proposed program to be endorsed. The evaluation panel makes a recommendation on endorsement and the duration of the endorsement.

If you require any further information regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (redacted).

Yours faithfully,

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