

Meeting No: 2020.01

23 April 2020

## Communique

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via video conference on 23 April 2020. Present at the meeting were IRC members and guests from Training, State and Territory ITABs/ITACs.

### **IRC Skills Forecast Annual Update and Proposed Schedule of Work 2020-2021**

The IRC were briefed on the draft Annual Update of the *Racing and Breeding IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2020-2021*. The Annual Update proposes two projects: Project 1 – Alterations to Packaging Rules and Application Statement in the Certificate II in Racing Industry and Project 2 – Simplifying Certificate IV Qualifications for Riders and Drivers. These two projects will be submitted to the AISC to ascertain whether a streamlined process can be utilised for approval, so the changes can be implemented as quickly as possible. The projects will be retained in the Annual Update in case there is a requirement to approve cases for change and undertake additional work. The IRC reiterated their strong support for both projects and the changes that were being proposed.

The IRC requested minor additions to the Annual Update. The IRC were advised that the Annual Update is currently available for public feedback until 29 April 2020.

### **Matters for Discussion**

The Racing and Breeding IRC discussed their concern that RTOs may be required to enrol learners into the Certificate IV Racing (Jockey) who may not be able to complete the course due to not having the capacity to meet requirements to be approved to ride in official races. The IRC requested that multiple options be explored to address this issue.

### **Next Meeting**

The next IRC meeting is scheduled for July 2020, with the exact date to be confirmed.