

Communique

Meeting No: 2021.01

23 March 2021

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Committee (FBP IRC) met via teleconference on 23 March 2021. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

FBP IRC 2021 Annual Update Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work

The FBP IRC will review and comment on the draft 2021 Annual Update to the Skills Forecast this week before progressing it to be published for public feedback.

The Cases for Change to be submitted with this work relating to food and beverage manufacture are:

- Project 1: Production of Indigenous Foods
- Project 2: Sugar Milling Qualifications Review

FBP Training Package V6 – Cases for Endorsement

Outstanding issues to be resolved before the FBP V 6 Case for Endorsement can progress to the next stage of the endorsement process were addressed. The IRC decided to modify the packaging rules for Certificate IV in Baking and to list two grain processing units in the Certificate IV in Food Processing (FBPGRA3003 and FBPGRA3004).

The IRC agreed that after some minor wording changes and modifications to reflect the decisions made at this meeting, the Case for Endorsement is approved to be submitted to state and territory training authorities for their review.

Prioritisation Framework and VET Reform Industry Engagement Survey

An overview of the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) Prioritisation Framework was provided. The IRC noted that specific low-enrolment qualifications will be considered at future meetings.

General Business

The 'Australian Skills Classification' initiative within the National Skills Commission's Jobs and Education Data Infrastructure (JEDI) project was discussed and members agreed to review this work to understand its importance to the work of the IRC.

Next meeting

The next FBP IRC meeting dates have been set for 9 June and 16 November 2021.