

## Communique

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 28 May 2018. Present at the meeting were members and guests, including several representatives from state and territory ITABs/ITACs.

### **Progress the FBP Training Package V2.0 to finalisation stage**

The *FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package V2.0 – Case for Endorsement* was circulated to members on Wednesday 23 May 2018. The Case for Endorsement includes final draft qualifications, skill sets and units of competency that have been updated as part of the following projects:

- Wine Operations Project
- Food Science and Technology Project
- Food & Beverage Manufacturing – Cross Sector Project
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Standards Project

This *Case for Endorsement* was discussed and several issues were raised:

- One query from an RTO was addressed by the Deputy Chair.
- Extra consultation for the wine qualifications was conducted and proved useful.
- The decision to not include brewing units in the wine qualifications was discussed.
- Clarification of several issues in the Case for Endorsement were requested:
  - the AQF levels of units in Sugar Milling qualifications
  - units remaining in the FBP Training Package that may appear to be duplicates from other packages.
- Members requested further time to review the Case for Endorsement and to make any changes before it is submitted to STAs/TTAs.

Decision: This IRC approved this version of the Case for Endorsement to progress to the Quality Assurance stage once the action items raised in this meeting are addressed.

### **Approval for minor upgrade to FBP TP Release 1 materials**

During the *Food Science and Technology* and *Wine Operations* projects, a number of *FDF10* units were found to duplicate more widely used units of competency from the *BSB Business Services Training Package*. These are proposed to be deleted and replaced by importing BSB units into relevant qualifications and skill sets.

Decision: The IRC approved Skills Impact making the necessary changes to the FBP V1.0 components that need to be modified to accommodate deleted OHS core units.

### **Case for Change – additional wine units to be developed**

There is a need to develop 7 new units of competency that reflect AQF level 3 outcomes to address skill gaps that exist in the wine industry. We are now requesting approval for the development of these seven units.

Decision: This IRC approved the Case for Change for additional wine units to be developed to be submitted to the Department of Education and Training and to AISC.

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## **IRC membership changes**

Several resignations and changes in positions have resulted in three vacant positions on this IRC. Members are taking action to fill each of these roles and have identified two organisations to complete nomination forms to become members.

## **Skills Impact staff changes**

The recent staff changes at Skills Impact were noted. This IRC formally thanked Rosalie and Helen for their outstanding contributions to the work of this IRC and the development of the *FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package* over the past two years.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Melbourne Airport on Thursday 14 June 2018. This meeting aims to sign off the *FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package V2.0 – Case for Endorsement* and to consider projects to be undertaken in 2018-19.