

Media Release

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Welcomed support for the VET sector with announcement of funding package.

PEER commend the Marshall Liberal Government who recognise the vital importance of maintaining a strong vocational education and training (VET) system in South Australia.

In response to COVID-19, the government has released a funding package to support the VET sector. The aim is to enable the sector to maintain viability and continue to build training capability in South Australia.

Minister Pisoni has announced a \$16m VET Market Continuity package. This includes a subsidy for a period of three months until June 2020 and a \$4 million investment that enables training providers to put in place new delivery models and technology to support training, students and employers. The VET Market Continuity Package is in addition to the already announced State and Commonwealth Government stimulus and support packages, including the \$1 billion South Australian Jobs Rescue Package and the more than \$200 billion Australian Government package for businesses to manage cash flow challenges and retain employees.

PEER CEO Peter Nolan applauded the government for their action and support so that we can maintain a strong VET sector in South Australia in response to COVID-19.

“PEER has already implemented remotely delivered training to our VET in Schools students who will continue to learn in online classes and many of our apprentices. This funding ensures that we are confidently able to continue to support our apprentices and students over the coming months.”

“This is great news for those students that need to continue their studies to achieve their SACE and for apprentices who need to continue learning to complete their apprenticeship. I want to thank Minister Pisoni and the Department of Innovation & Skills for this important initiative”.

About PEER

PEER is a non-profit industry-based organisation, a Group Training Organisation (GTO) and an award-winning Registered Training Organisation (RTO), delivering nationally accredited trade training packages to meet South Australia's skill development needs.

We are the largest employer of apprentices within the Building and Construction industry in SA and we deliver VET in schools training, apprenticeship training, upskilling, short courses and skills recognition training.

Agile and innovative, PEER is highly regarded for delivering trade training and assessment excellence in the following trades: electrical, plumbing, data & communications, refrigeration & air-conditioning.

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