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TAFE Queensland international Engagement Models

- TAFE Queensland actively works with international counterparts, including Governments, Industry and institutions to foster collaboration through both commercial and aid and development funded projects
- Building capacity of local industry in partnership with key stakeholders
- Institutional partnerships and articulations for delivery of TAFE Queensland qualifications
- Non-accredited training





TAFE Queensland international Engagement Models

- Working with government agencies overseeing training in areas of skills and workforce development
- Teacher training
- Twinning arrangements
- Consultancy services
- Licensing of curriculum
- VET sector reforms to modernise workforce, increase competitiveness and drive development





Challenges

- Challenges to be considered before and during any engagement in partnerships overseas:
 - Language and cultural differences
 - Alignment of the local VET system with the Australian framework
 - Local legislation and regulatory framework in the country of delivery
 - Partners expectations and project viability





Challenges

- Commercial and reputational issues, which can adversely affect providers both offshore and in Australia as well international donors
- Delivery of Australian qualifications at the expected price point for the local market
- Negotiations require extended periods of time
- Level of commitment of local government and real engagement with industry
- Recognition of Australian qualifications





Key Lessons

- The ability to understand the local context and tailor your delivery models to meet local needs is instrumental to the success of your partnerships
- Due diligence in the choice of partners and understanding of the local context are of paramount importance
- Staff travelling overseas represent your organisation and their selection is critical to safeguard your reputation
- Induction of teaching staff travelling overseas to include key areas such as:
 - Cultural awareness and local business practices
 - Teaching and assessment requirements at the offshore partner's institution
 - Accommodation provisions
 - Travel requirements
 - Health and Safety
- Engagement of local stakeholder at each stage of the partnership is critical





Case Study: Australia Pacific Technical College

- Australian Government training initiative funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Aim to train citizens of Pacific Island Forum countries in identified skills shortage areas
- 11,000+ trained graduates to date
- Campuses in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Samoa
- Training provided in trades and technology, hospitality, community services, training and assessment, management
- Managed by TAFE Queensland since July 2007
- Ability to deliver projects on a large scale