

Consultation on Economics Learning Standards

What is this about?

Under the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) legislation, all higher education institutions are required to be able to demonstrate that their internal processes for design and approval of each degree, and the standards achieved by their students, are benchmarked against external standards. Published learning standards provide a reference point for benchmarking. They are guidelines about what graduates of a program should know and be able to do.

The Australian Government has commissioned the development of learning standards in university economics programs under the auspices of an Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) Fellowship. The development of these learning standards has the support of the Australian Business Deans Council and the Economics Society of Australia.

A Working Party, consisting primarily of academic economists, is developing the standards through collaboration and wide consultation. The process and outcomes are being guided by an Expert Advisory Group, which includes senior economists in the private and public sectors. To learn more about Learning Standards in Economics in Australia see the project's website: www.economicslearningstandards.com where the second draft of learning standards for bachelor and masters programs is available.

Why should I participate in consultation?

This is an opportunity to have your say in developing Economics Learning Standards for Australia. Each workshop will be an open forum where the aim, process and outcomes to date will be explained, followed by a discussion. The aim of the workshop is to capture feedback to be shared with the Working Party in developing the next draft.

The consultative process is also an opportunity to reflect on our purpose as economics educators. What are the core knowledge and skills that we want our graduates to have attained?

When are the consultations scheduled?

City	Date	Location
Perth	May 17	Curtin University and University of Western Australia
Brisbane-Gold Coast	May 24	Griffith University
Brisbane	June 6	University of Queensland
Brisbane	June 6	Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus
Sydney	June 7	The University of New South Wales Australian School of Business
Sydney	June 7	University of Technology Sydney
Sydney	June 17	Sydney University
Adelaide	June 18	University of South Australia
Melbourne	June 20	University of Melbourne
Melbourne	June 20	Monash University
Melbourne	June 21	Deakin University
Melbourne	June 21	La Trobe University
Hobart	June 27	University of Tasmania
Canberra	June 28	Australian National University
Perth	July 8	A special session has been organised at the Australian Conference of Economists in Perth

Consultations at a given campus are open to academic colleagues from any campus.

Pre-registration is appreciated!

Please email your interest or further inquiries to the Project Officer, Sally Purbrick-Illek (s.purbrickillek@griffith.edu.au)

You can download the second draft of the learning standards and find the exact times and venues for the consultations on the project's website: www.economicslearningstandards.com