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Educators, employers and government gather to put skills on the agenda

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) will join forces with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) tomorrow to host the inaugural National Skills Summit in Canberra.

The forum brings private and public tertiary educators and employers together to discuss reforms that will shape the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector in the years ahead.

“Our partnership with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in delivering this Summit reflects the importance of industry relevance to a maturing VET sector,” ACPET chief executive Claire Field said. “Our members’ success relies on delivering high quality courses that serve the needs of employers, students and the wider community alike.”

Minister for Industry Ian Macfarlane will deliver his first keynote speech to the VET sector, at what is a critical time for the sector.

“We welcome the opportunity to hear from the Minister on his vision for reform, including the need for further regulatory change, so that our members can focus on the task of educating tomorrow’s workforce,” Ms Field said.

The Assistant Minister for Education, the Hon Sussan Ley, will also address the Summit on VET in Schools reforms. Other key VET decision makers and influencers will be there including:

- **Kate Carnell**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **John Hart**, Chief Executive Officer, Restaurant and Caterers Association
- **Andrew Norton**, Higher Education Program Director, Grattan Institute
- **Chris Robinson**, Chief Commissioner of the Australian Skills Quality Authority.
- **Rod Camm**, Managing Director, National Centre for Vocational Education Research

“We want to ensure, across Australia, VET delivering employment-ready apprentices and graduates,” Ms Field said. “This summit is a key component of that important conversation.”

A full program for the one-day Summit can be viewed [here](#).

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