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ACPET welcomes NSW Government's Statement of Expectations

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) has applauded the NSW Government's Statement of Expectations for Smart and Skilled Providers in support of high quality training, announced by Minister Barilaro today.

ACPET CEO Rod Camm said that as the leading member association for private training colleges, ACPET fully supports any strategy to guarantee only the very best providers deliver training.

"We are pleased by the expectation of industry body membership by providers delivering government funded programs," Mr Camm said.

"Collaboration between government and industry is necessary to meet increasing skill demands.

"As the leading national industry association for independent providers of post-compulsory education and training for Australian and international students, we are pleased that industry body membership is a criteria for delivery of government funded programs.

"This will go a long way towards ensuring only quality providers can access public monies and instil strong student and industry confidence in provider choice."

ACPET takes its responsibility of admitting members seriously, having tightened its [Code of Ethics](#) just over 12 months ago.

The Code requires members to strive for a level of excellence that is above and beyond the minimum standards, as set down by regulators in all sectors and jurisdictions.

Mr Camm said the Statement of Expectations will help support the delivery of high quality training services that are best able to respond to the state economy's needs.

"It's positive to see consistency between both ACPET and the department's expectations regarding training provider behaviour. When a private provider is a student or employer's preferred option, increased confidence can be gained by ensuring that the college is an ACPET member," Mr Camm said.

"The additional rigour added by peak body membership and the sharing of information between the Departments of Industry and Fair Trading will go a long way toward a best practice VET system for NSW students, business, industry and private and public training providers."

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