

New developments at NAATI

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This paper will outline some of the opportunities and challenges that NAATI sees in the coming period and some of the priorities agreed by the NAATI Board. Included in the topics to be covered will be recent developments in relation to the new (VET) qualifications and what that may mean for accreditation, possible changes to NAATI standards, refinements to testing models, complaints about practitioners and related ethical issues, additional mechanisms for consultation with the profession and revalidation. Feedback from participants will be invited and it is hoped to have an opportunity for discussion of views.



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