

Skills Tasmania TasVET Supplier Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is changing in 2026?

Skills Tasmania is replacing the Endorsed RTO (ERTO) system with the TasVET Supplier Program. All Registered Training Organisation's (RTO) seeking to access Tasmanian Government funding through grant programs must meet the new eligibility requirements.

Why is the process changing?

The ERTO system is being replaced as it no longer provides the level of quality assurance, transparency or consistency needed to support Tasmania's skills and workforce priorities. Reviews undertaken in recent years have identified the need for a clearer, more robust approach to managing RTO eligibility, compliance and performance.

The TasVET Supplier Program aims to strengthen RTO eligibility requirements and aligns with broader Skills Tasmania grant funding reforms designed to develop and foster a high quality and sustainable training market to meet the objectives set out in the Tasmanian Skills Plan 2024-2028.

Benefits to RTOs include:

- Clearer expectations on eligibility and evidence criteria.
- Introduction of Quality Parameters to establish a transparent basis for ongoing monitoring of RTO performance.
- Greater business certainty through a three-year approval period, including the future opportunity for planned longer term funding agreements.
- Reduced administrative burden over time, as qualitative assessment is moved from the annual grant process to a once every three-years requirement.
- Streamlined grant applications.

When do applications open?

Applications open 20 April 2026.

All current ERTOs and new applicants can apply from this date.

Do current Endorsed RTO's need to reapply?

Yes. All current ERTOs must apply for TasVET Supplier status by 20 April 2027 to maintain eligibility.

Early submission is strongly encouraged to ensure continuity of funding and access to streamlined grant applications and planned longer-term funding arrangements.

Will my RTO's Skills Tasmania funding stop during the transition?

No. There is no impact on active funding agreements held by ERTO's.

What about access to grant programs?

Current ERTOs will retain access to Skills Tasmania grant programs during the transition period or until a new application is submitted and a decision is made.

What happens if an Endorsed RTO doesn't apply by the deadline?

ERTOs that do not apply by 20 April 2027 will be removed and will not be eligible to access Tasmanian Government funding through grant programs. In this circumstance, the RTO's active funding agreements can continue through to completion.

What evidence do I need to provide?

The Applicant Guidelines outline mandatory evidence requirements in Section 4.2. Evidence can also be attached to the applicant's responses to the qualitative assessment criteria in Section 4.3. Examples and checklists are provided in the Applicant Guidelines to help you prepare. Evidence requirements intend to cover organisational capability, quality assurance, learner support, and financial viability.

What are the financial viability requirements?

Skills Tasmania will accept audited financial statements covering a minimum of the previous three financial years, or, where audited financial statements are not available, accountant prepared financial statements, provided they are prepared by a qualified accountant and include a declaration of accuracy.

What support is available?

Skills Tasmania has a dedicated Senior Compliance and Engagement Officer to support you through the process. Contact TasVETSupplier@skills.tas.gov.au or 03 6165 4086.

How will I know if my application has been received and assessed?

You will receive confirmation of your submission through SmartyGrants. Assessment outcomes will be communicated directly to the applicant contact listed in the application. Eligibility decisions will be recorded in a TasVET Supplier register which will be published on the Skills Tasmania website.

Where can I find the documentation?

The Applicant Guidelines and link to the Application Form is published on the Skills Tasmania website at www.skills.tas.gov.au/providers/rto/tasvetsupplier.

All other templates are contained within the Smarty Grants application form.