1. The Further Education and Training Bill 2014 will:

* repeal the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*;
* create new training legislation for Queensland to support the Government’s reform priorities for vocational education and training (VET), including streamlining and modernising the State’s regulatory system for apprenticeships and traineeships; and
* repeal the *Higher Education (General Provisions) Act 2008*.

1. The Government commissioned the Queensland Skills and Training Taskforce to review the VET sector in Queensland, including the apprenticeship and traineeship system established under the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*. The Taskforce made eleven recommendations to streamline and modernise arrangements for apprenticeships and traineeships, all of which the Government accepted.
2. The Bill is being introduced as a result of these Government commitments to reform the apprenticeship and traineeship system, also set out in *Great skills. Real opportunities—The Queensland Government reform action plan for further education and training*.
3. The Bill also repeals the *Higher Education (General Provisions) Act 2008*, which is redundant as it has been superseded by the national regulatory framework. All higher education providers are now regulated under the Australian Government’s *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act* *2011*.
4. Cabinet approved that the Further Education and Training Bill 2014 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*

* [Further Education and Training Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)