



## What is *Shaping our Future*?

*Shaping our Future* is the project to develop the next national strategy for vocational education and training (VET) from 2004 to 2010.

*Shaping our Future* began in July 2002 and will culminate in the release of the next national strategy 2004-2010 in 2003.

## What is a national VET strategy?

A national strategy gives Australia's training system and its people goals and priorities to guide and inspire their work in a rapidly and constantly changing world. The next national strategy aims to provide:

- a springboard to generate greater economic and social wealth for our country
- a shared vision and direction for clients and for everyone with an interest in training and
- a capacity to widen the reach of learning and skills development

The project involves all Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and the final document is agreed by the all Commonwealth, State and Territory VET ministers.

## What's involved?

*Shaping our Future* has four phases:

1. collecting **initial perspectives** with a range of VET, industry, and community leaders, and through focus groups with individuals, employers, employees, and training providers
2. **research**, including an evaluation of the current national VET strategy, *A Bridge to the Future 1998-2003*
3. **consultations** with clients and stakeholders with a discussion paper to be released in early 2003 and 25 regional forums across all States and Territories
4. **development** and validation, where we'll report back to VET, industry and community leaders before drafting the strategy for Ministers' consideration.

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