



Statement of regulatory action

18 December 2024

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has cancelled the qualifications and/or statements of attainment of more than 550 former students of DSA Ventures Pty Ltd (DSA Ventures, trading as Australian Academy of Elite Education 45442) as part of its ongoing program of regulatory action.

DSA Ventures was registered to deliver to domestic students and was not funded by government to deliver VET qualifications.

An ASQA compliance investigation found DSA Ventures did not meet the conditions of registration, including Fit and Proper Person and Financial Viability Requirements; had issued qualifications and/or statements of attainment without adequate assessment; and did not ensure students had successfully satisfied all requirements prior to issuing VET certification.

Given the nature of the issues identified in this matter and to protect the public, ASQA issued notices of intent to cancel qualifications and/or statements of attainment to 1,220 former DSA Ventures students who had an opportunity to respond to ASQA before any decision was made.

Of the 1,220 former students who were sent notices, more than 550 did not provide a response within the designated timeframe. As a result, ASQA has today cancelled their qualifications and/or statements of attainment.

The affected former students of DSA Ventures collectively hold a variety of qualifications and/or statements of attainment across building and construction related areas. ASQA has concerns about safety risks to the community and former students if these former students have not had their skills and competencies appropriately assessed to meet the requirements of the relevant training packages.

ASQA has received responses from more than 660 former students and is considering their responses. ASQA will advise those individuals of an outcome as soon as possible.

ASQA continues to work collaboratively with other government agencies and state and territory governments and regulators in relation to the impact of this

action and other qualification cancellation decisions on former students, as well as any workplaces affected.

ASQA is committed to lifting quality and integrity across the VET sector and the integrity of our qualifications is a primary focus. There is no place for any provider who seeks to undermine the sector or exploit students.

ASQA's ongoing program of regulatory action also saw it cancel the registration of three other unrelated RTOs last month to ensure public confidence in the qualifications gained through Australia's VET sector.

These decisions are part of an ongoing program of regulatory action supported by ASQA's strengthened capacity to target illegal behaviour and non-genuine providers that threaten the integrity of VET.

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