

Updated statement of regulatory action

ASCA

13 December 2024

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has cancelled the qualifications and/or statements of attainment of more than 2000 former students of Gills College Australia Pty Ltd (Gills College, trading as Elite College Australia and/or Sterling Business College 2417/01701G) as part of its ongoing program of regulatory action.

Gills College was registered to deliver to domestic and international students and was not funded by government to deliver VET qualifications.

An ASQA compliance investigation found it had issued qualifications and statements of attainment without adequate assessment, and did not ensure students had successfully satisfied all requirements prior to issuing VET certification since January 2022.

Given the nature of the issues identified in this matter, and to ensure public safety, ASQA issued notices of intent to cancel qualifications and/or statements of attainment to 3364 former Gills College students who had an opportunity to respond to ASQA before any decision was made.

Of the 3364 former students who were sent notices, more than 2000 did not provide a response within the designated timeframe. As a result, ASQA has today cancelled their qualifications and/or statements of attainment.

ASQA received responses from more than 800 former students and is considering these responses and will advise those individuals of an outcome as soon as possible. The affected former students of Gills College collectively hold a variety of qualifications across individual support, early childhood education and care, community services, first aid and automotive.

More than 270 former students still have until 6 January 2025 to provide a response to ASQA where they hold qualifications in business, leadership and management, information and technology, kitchen management, hospitality management, travel and tourism.

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.

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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