

Review of CPC30318 Certificate III in Concreting – Summary of Feedback

Through two rounds of national consultation and a range of other consultative mechanisms used throughout the project, Artibus has sought input from employers, workers, regulators, Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), industry bodies and other interested parties on proposed changes to the qualification and units of competency. Key issues identified include:

- employers are finding it difficult to attract suitable workers
- concreting is a highly skilled job and there are quality issues across the board which are not addressed through licensing/regulation
- the qualification should be delivered as an apprenticeship (rather than traineeship) and declared as a trade given the volume of learning and required technical skills and knowledge
- qualification packaging arrangements need to change to:
 - better reflect the actual occupation/job role
 - support flexibility for concreters working in both residential and commercial settings
 - ensure the qualification is robust in its AQF 3 alignment and can support industry demand for an apprenticeship/declared trade
- units of competency need to be updated to:
 - incorporate changes in industry practices and strengthen technical knowledge, eg in areas such as risks associated with silica, basic science of concrete, impact of weather and climate on concrete, emerging trends in decorative techniques etc.
 - where possible, accommodate the application of skills/knowledge in a precast environment.