

## **THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING SYSTEM & THE AUSTRALIAN QUALITY TRAINING FRAMEWORK**

The key objective of the Australian Quality Training Framework is to provide the basis for a nationally consistent, high quality vocational education and training system. The Australian Quality Training Framework is based on a quality assured approach to the registration of training organisations seeking to deliver training, assess competency outcomes and issue Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and/or Statements of Attainment and ensures the recognition of training providers and the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statements of Attainment they issue, across Australia

The Australian Qualifications Framework means the policy framework that defines all qualifications recognised nationally in post-compulsory education and training within Australia. The AQF comprises titles and guidelines, which define each qualification, together with principles and protocols covering articulation and issuance of qualifications and Statements of Attainment.

In September 2000 the Federation was granted status as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with the NSW Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board. The Federation is currently registered until 2003. This allows the Federation to issue nationally recognised qualifications under the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Through participation in the national training system, the Federation aims to develop a robust system of Recognition and high quality training resources to support the workforce of the community housing sector in NSW.

The issuance of qualifications will equip workers within the community housing sector with the skills and knowledge to implement best practice quality service in line with the National Community Housing Standards. In turn, clients of community housing can be assured that professionally trained staff is servicing them.

The outcomes of participation in the national system include:

- Increased skills in the community housing sector
- A nationally recognised, qualified community housing sector workforce
- Professional staff with portable qualifications
- A high quality service to tenants, applicants and the community
- Recognition of current skills in the sector and the subsequent retention of staff
- Ability to attract new employees into the community housing sector through traineeships
- Reduction of training cost for community housing organisations through delivery of traineeship subsidies.