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Graduate Programs Australia (GPA) has developed an innovative and easy-to-use online network, e2e.net, which helps Queensland TAFE graduates move from education to employment by matching skilled students and recent graduates with potential employers.

Those expecting to benefit from e2e.net are employers looking for skilled TAFE students and recent graduates to place in full-time, part-time, casual and vacation work positions, or those offering traineeships and apprenticeships.

The network enables employers to register free on-line and then market their organization and vacancies to TAFE students and recent graduates based on their skills, qualifications and current courses of study.

e2e.net is a service provided free of charge

Connecting students with jobs

to industry by TAFE Queensland. Students access e2e.net using existing TAFE Queensland assigned usernames and passwords, which ensures that each candidate is a current student or recent graduate.

e2e.net helps foster relationships between educational institutions, industry and employers

by providing a central and wide reaching forum to market career opportunities to the skilled student and recent graduate market.

TAFE Queensland is currently operating the e2e.net service for students at SkillsTech Australia and the Bremer, Gold Coast and Metropolitan South Institutes of TAFE.

Job seekers will benefit from e2e.net's job listings and library of on-line resources.

GPA seeks to provide greater links between education and industry, and e2e.net enables participating employers to deliver information to educational institutions, skilled students and

recent graduates in a consistent manner, and for no cost.

GPA director Brandon Thompson said e2e.net would help to ease the burden on employers seeking skilled students or recent graduate candidates.

"It was GPA's commitment to industry, education providers and graduates, combined with support from GPA's project partners and the Queensland Government which led to the development of such a dedicated response to the 'disconnect' between education and industry," Mr Thompson said.

GPA undertook extensive research over a five year period involving close to 45,000 students and 10,000 employers. This research identified the needs of industry, institutions and graduates in a student's transition to employment.

"We found that 99 per cent of students said they need assistance in the transition to employment and only 8.2 per cent of students said the employment services on campus met their needs.

"With these statistics in mind, we have provided a consistent method for employers to communicate job vacancies to multiple educational institutions, skilled students and recent graduates."

For more information visit www.e2e.net.au or contact 1300 13 16 19.