

'Click start' finds skilled students and graduates

Queensland TAFE students will have the chance to 'click start' their careers by linking up with potential employers via an innovative new model, e2e.NET.

The e2e.NET helps graduates move from education to employment by matching skilled students and recent graduates with potential employers, in an easy-to-use online network.

TAFE Queensland is currently trialing the program for students at Skills Tech Australia, The Bremer and Metropolitan South Institutes of TAFE. Gold Coast Institute of TAFE is due to launch e2e.NET this month (September).

Graduate Programs Australia (GPA) developed e2e.NET aiming to ease the burden on employers seeking skilled students or recent graduate candidates.

GPA director, Brandon Thompson believes there was room for improvement in the information flow between employers, graduates and educational institutions.

"It was GPA's commitment to industry, educational institutions and graduates, combined with support from GPA's project partners and TAFE Queensland 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 approximately 45,000 students and an estimated 10,000 employers. This

research identified the needs of industry, institutions and graduates in a students' transition to employment, and led to the design and development of e2e.NET.

"We found that 99 percent of students said they need assistance in the transition to employment, and the services being offered on campus needed to be re-aligned with the changing needs of students.

"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, at no cost. The e2e.NET program also helps skilled students and recent graduates to identify, refine and market their skills through a suite of online tools available on the network."

EMPLOYERS BENEFIT

Those expected 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 internships, traineeships and apprenticeships.

The network enables employers to register free on e2e.NET and then market their vacancies to TAFE students and recent graduates based on their skills, qualifications and current courses of study.

The e2e.NET model guarantees that employers have access to students and recent graduates.

E2e.NET is a service provided to



New e2e.NET links up careers.

industry by TAFE Queensland, and students access e2e.NET using their existing TAFE Queensland assigned usernames and passwords. This ensures that each candidate is a current student or recent graduate.

E2e.NET helps foster relationships between TAFE, industry and employers by providing a no-cost central and wide-reaching forum to market career opportunities to the skilled student and recent graduate market.

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For further information or to register employment vacancies, visit www.e2e.net.au or contact GPA. Tel: 1300 323 638