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# Australian Education System

Education and training is delivered at three levels:

- primary and secondary school
- vocational education and training (VET)
- higher education



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The key distinction between VET and the other education levels is the integral role that industry must play in policy setting, VET framework development and the implementation of VET.

# Why did Australia reform its VET system?

- Government saw that economic reforms were not sufficient.
- Australia also needed to improve its innovation, skills and technology.
- Education and training were seen as playing a *"vital role in productivity performance, directly conditioning the quality, depth and flexibility of our labour force skills."*



## The Australian System Before Reform

- Before the VET reforms our system was made up of 8 state-based systems that lacked consistency.
- It was supply-driven rather than based on expected industry needs.
- Training provided within industry was not officially recognised.

# Australian VET Reforms

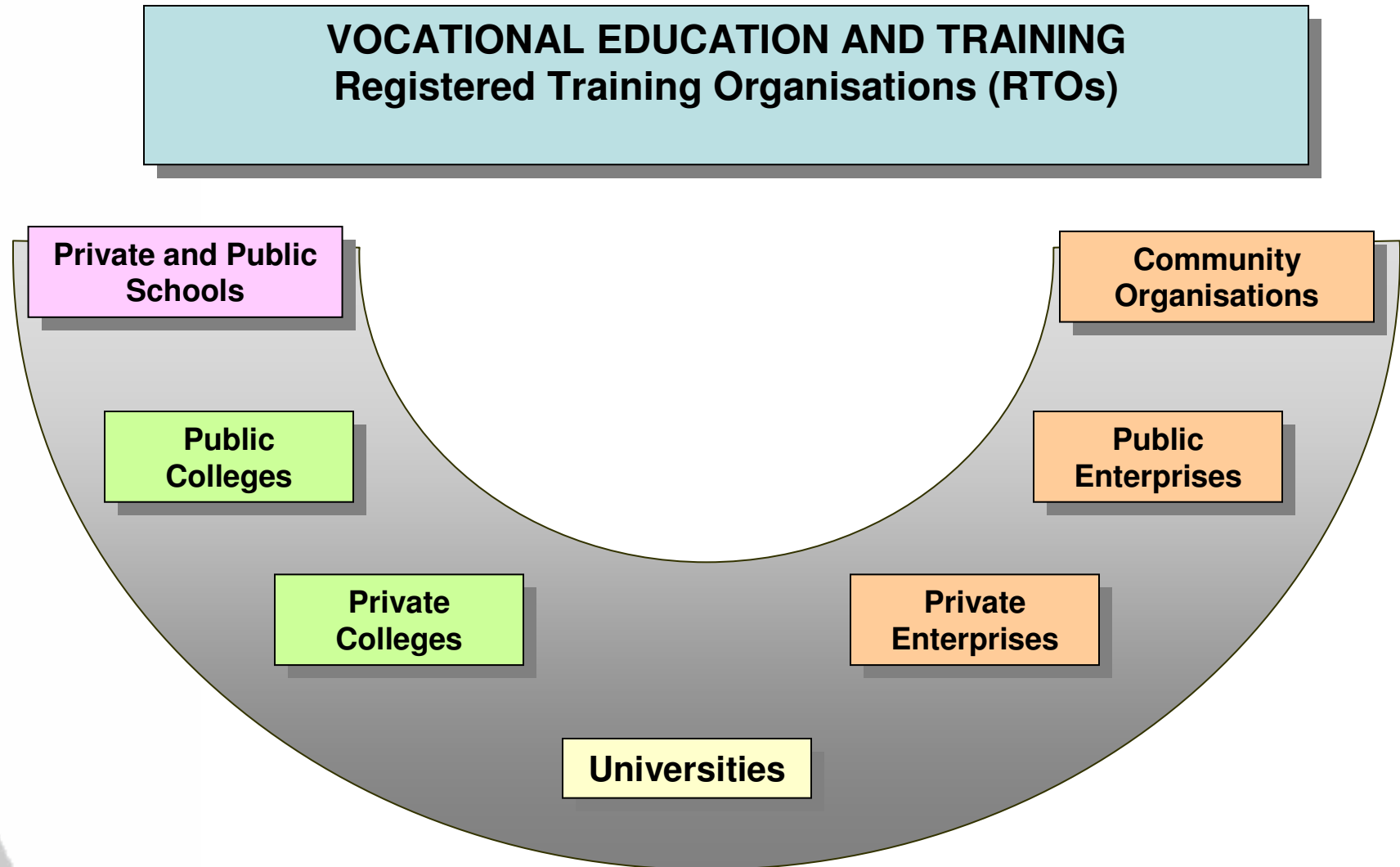
- Delivery of formally recognised VET was expanded from public VET Colleges to a broad range of Government recognised VET providers (Registered Training Organisations).
- Created a competitive training market by making some government money available on a competitive basis.
- Provide equal status to training provided on the job.



## Australia's Vocational Education and Training Sector

Australia VET sector is a strong national system, formally led by industry and government, supported with delivery by both public and private VET providers and underpinned by a solid quality assured, national training framework.

# Who Delivers VET



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# Australian Qualifications Framework



Vocational Graduate Certificates and Diplomas

## Universities

Doctoral Degree  
Masters Degree  
Graduate Diploma  
Bachelor Degree  
Associate Degree

## Vocational Education

Advanced Diploma  
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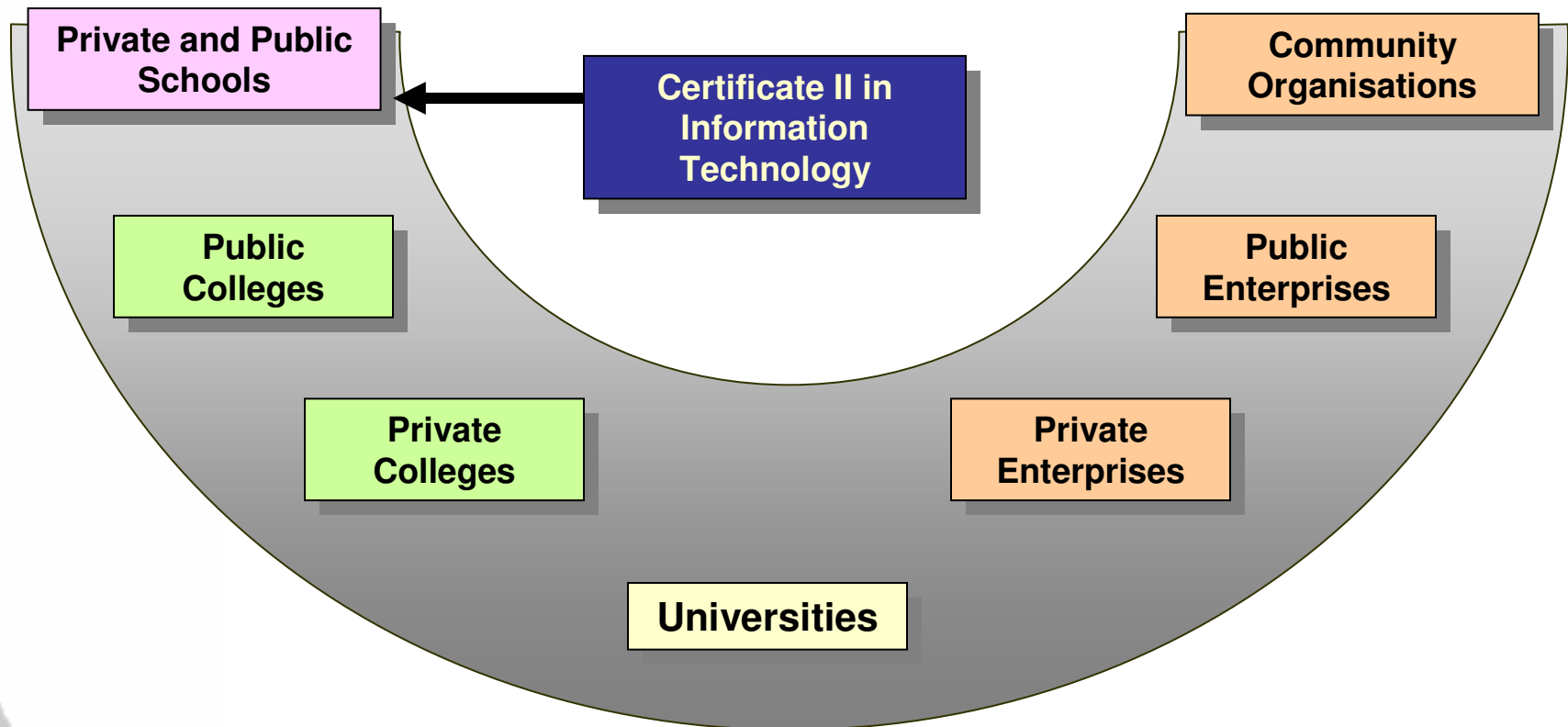
## Schools

Senior Secondary  
Certificates of  
Education

Certificate IV  
Certificate III  
Certificate II  
Certificate I

# Now Who Delivers VET

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# Training Packages

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Competency  
Standards

Qualifications

Assessment  
Guidelines

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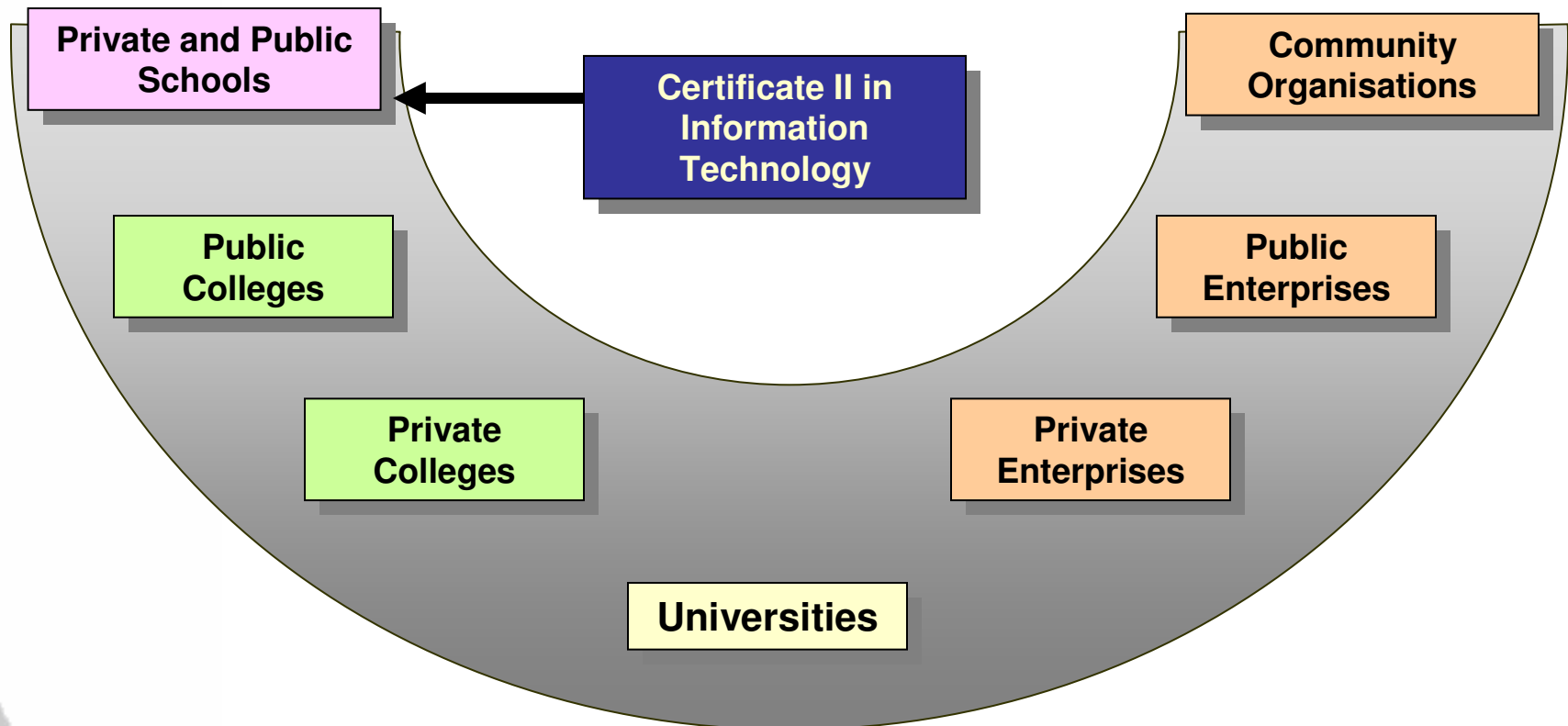
A Training Package describes the skills and knowledge needed to perform effectively in the workplace.

They do not prescribe how an individual should be trained.

Teachers and trainers develop learning strategies – the “how” – depending on learners needs, abilities and circumstances.

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# AQTF 2007

- The Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) ensures that all Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and the qualifications they issue are recognised throughout Australia. The AQTF includes two sets of standards:
  - RTO standards
  - Standards for Accrediting Bodies.

# AQTF 2007

- Outcomes focused, nationally consistent, streamlined and transparent.
- Essential standards for registration for RTOs include
  - 3 standards relating to training and assessment, client services and management systems
  - 3 quality indicators (employer satisfaction, learner satisfaction and competency completion rate) to help RTOs to continuously improve its training and assessment
  - Conditions of registration to be met while operating as a provider.

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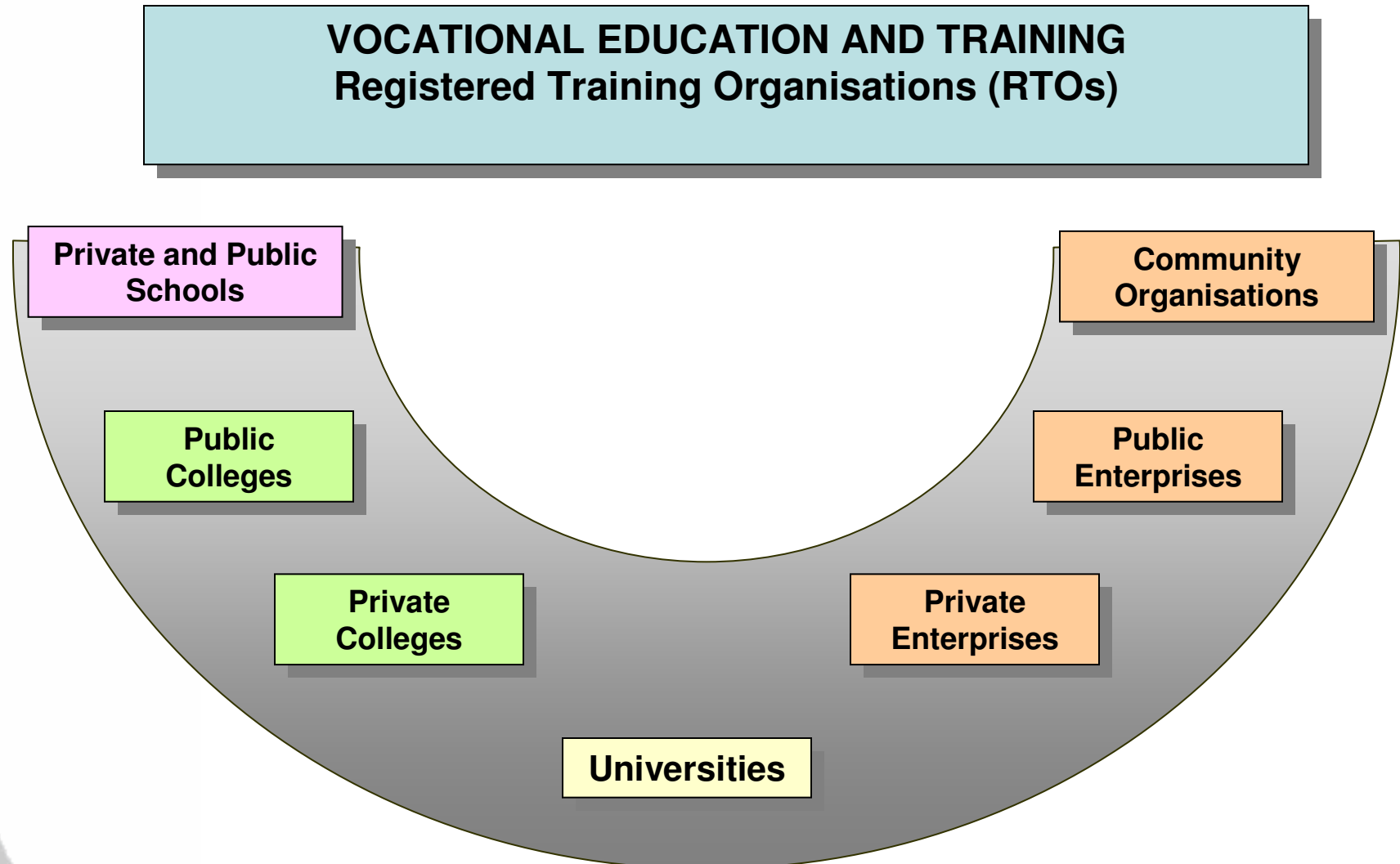
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# Conclusion

- Three pillars of the Australian National Training Framework provides a strong foundation for continuity.
- Withstood the political change of governments, bureaucratic change of federal administrative departments, improvement of the quality framework and ongoing changes to industry advisory structures.



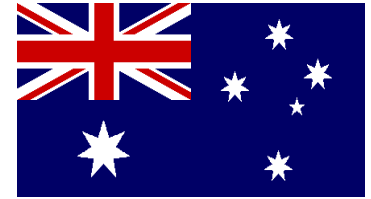
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- Provided real benefits to students.
- Education pathways makes life long learning a reality.
- Flexibility from employers
- Facilitated outstanding partnerships between RTO's and industry.



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- Modifications and enhancements to this framework will occur on an ongoing basis but the fundamental structure is relevant to Australia's existing and ongoing VET needs.
- Good model for other countries to consider when developing a national VET system.



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