

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000793

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

VET Student Loans & Book industry

Question

1. How many courses on the eligible qualification list will aid in creating capability, or meet skills shortages in the Australian book industry?
2. Will book design skills be catered for in the course list?
3. Will editing and copy writing skills be catered for on the course list?
4. Will printing skills relevant to the book industry be catered for on the course list?
5. Will book binding, book printing, compositing and specialist information technology skills be catered for on the course list?

Answer

The department is not aware of any vocational education and training (VET) diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates and graduate diplomas that are specific to the Australian book industry. Many qualifications, however, would provide many skilled workers with a wide range of skills applicable to the industry, such as graphic design, accounting or transport and logistics. As such, it is not possible to quantify the number of courses on the VET Student Loans eligible courses list specific to the book industry.