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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY

TOPIC: Registration timeframes and complaints

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Nash

QUESTION No.: BI-122

1. What is the preferred timeframe for the registration of new courses?
2. How many applications for registration of courses have been received by ASQA?
3. How many complaints has ASQA received to date regarding the registration process?

ANSWER

1. A course can be accredited within 4 months, however the timeframes can vary depending on a range of factors, such as the quality of the submission. ASQA publishes the anticipated timeframe information online at: <http://www.asqa.gov.au/course-accreditation/course-accreditation.html>.
2. ASQA has received applications for 81 initial accreditation or 92 renewal of accreditation of courses since 1 July 2011.
3. ASQA has received one complaint about the ASQA course accreditation process.