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CLARIFICATION NO. 1

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS/FIRMS:

This Clarification No. 1 addresses the registration and accreditation requirements under the Request for Quotations (RFQ). It forms part of the RFQ and should be read together with it. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

QUESTIONS	RESPONSE/CLARIFICATION
The advertisement states that PNG registration and accreditation must be in place before training commences, and that providers may submit a time-bound compliance plan with their quotation. Could you please confirm the approval pathway applicable to an Australian RTO proposing to deliver an existing accredited qualification in PNG? In particular, we would appreciate confirmation of: • whether the RTO would require PNG institutional registration, recognition as an overseas institution, programme accreditation, or another form of approval. • whether the requirements differ if delivery is arranged with an already registered PNG institution. • the current application fees and indicative approval timeframes; and • the evidence you expect to see in a quotation from a provider whose PNG approvals are pending.	The RFQ permits a service provider that does not yet hold the required PNG registration and accreditation to submit a quotation with a time-bound compliance plan. The successful service provider must obtain and submit evidence of the applicable PNG registration, accreditation, and other required approvals before training delivery commences. Lodging an application does not, by itself, satisfy that condition. The approval pathway for an overseas provider, including one proposing to deliver through a PNG institution, depends on its proposed delivery and certification arrangements. DHERST Quality Assurance is the appropriate authority to confirm the applicable institutional and programme requirements. The PMU cannot confirm current application fees or processing timeframes; prospective service providers should seek information directly from DHERST. A service provider whose PNG approvals are pending must include with its quotation a time-bound compliance plan required by the RFQ, showing how and when it will obtain the required registration and accreditation. To support its plan, it may identify the delivery and awarding entities, expected approvals and dates, and provide available registration, accreditation, or DHERST correspondence. These examples do not add mandatory submission requirements. Quotations will be assessed against the issued RFQ.

For your guidance and information.

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