



Terms of Reference

**CONTRACTING OF SERVICE
PROVIDER FOR PROVIDING
ACCESS TO SPECIFIED
ACADEMIC JOURNALS**



1. Brief background

- 1.1 The QCTO is the custodian of the Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework (OQSF), and is responsible for the quality assurance of qualifications, part qualifications, and skills programmes registered on the OQSF. The Research & Analysis Unit contributes to the mandate of the QCTO by providing research support to the rest of the organisation.
- 1.2 In order for the Research & Analysis Unit to conduct their work, it is essential that they have access to sound academic resources in the form of peer-reviewed journals. Academic literature provides the theoretical underpinning for good quality research and ensures that research outputs include reference to current international and local scholarly work in the research field. The Unit has identified key academic journals in the field that would be valuable to have access to. These are journals which carry a substantial body of academic work on vocational education and training, as well as in the field of education research and statistics.
- 1.3 The journals required come from various publishers and it is anticipated that no provider will be able to provide access to the full suite of journals on the list, thus multiple providers may be appointed to ensure that access to all the required journals is acquired.

2. Technical specifications

- 2.1 Must be able to provide institutional access to one or more of the academic journals indicated on the list below, without any embargo on new issues:

International Journal of Training and Development
Applied Measurement in Education
International Journal of Training Research
Journal of Education and Work
Journal of Vocational Education and Training
Research in Post-Compulsory Education

3. Work schedule

- 3.1 The service provider will report to the Deputy Director: Research & Analysis.
- 3.2 One year institutional access to be provided for each journal on the list that the provider is able to supply access for.



4. Pricing Schedule

- a) Agreement Term: 1 month
- b) Payment Frequency: Payment upon confirmed access to all journal subscriptions.

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