

**Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC)  
Data and Systems Working Group (DSWG) Communique**

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On 29/05/2015 the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA) was replaced by The Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC).

The Data and Systems Working Group (DSWG) was established in early January 2015 to assist the TASC Steering Committee with the implementation of the Government's 2014-15 budget initiative to develop a new model for undertaking the current functions of TASC.

Membership of DSWG has been drawn from the Department of Education (DoE), TQA (now TASC), Tasmania Catholic Education Office, Independent Schools Tasmania and the University of Tasmania. Under the new legislation DoE has responsibility for managing data on behalf of TASC.

On the 23 September 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification and the Department of Education. Current responsibilities and process as itemised in the MoU are underway and progressing well.

Further MoUs between Tasmania Catholic Education Office, Independent Schools Tasmania and DoE will be initiated.

TASC and DoE are committed through this Agreement to work cooperatively so that data managed on behalf of TASC by DoE are available to TASC in a timely and efficient manner that allows TASC to carry out its statutory functions.

Parties are expected to act in good faith at all times during the course of this MoU.

This MoU will be reviewed within six months of its signing by both parties.