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Schools need more support to deliver VET

In an audit tabled today the Auditor General found that since 2014, schools and the Department of Education (DoE) had implemented vocational education and training (VET) in schools for an increasing number of students and had met the needs of the students.

In 2016, 73% of year 11 and 12 students at public schools were enrolled in VET making it a key part of the WA education system.

The audit, *Vocational Education and Training for Year 11 and 12 Students in Public Schools*, found schools deliver VET in a number of ways with 70% delivered through auspicing where schools use school facilities and teachers to deliver a program under contract from a registered training provider.

Auditor General Colin Murphy said although auspicing is an efficient use of resources and existing staff, schools need more support to manage the risks with this method.

'Teachers delivering VET must maintain industry experience and VET delivery qualifications on top of teaching qualifications. This can limit what courses can be offered.

'DoE must also work on how best to use VET places funded by the Department of Training and Workforce Development,' Mr Murphy said.

The report has made a number of recommendations on how DoE can provide more support to schools especially with identifying training providers, standardising contracts and selecting courses.

This will enable schools to provide students with a VET program that offers diverse choice in subjects while maintaining quality.

The Auditor General's report, *Vocational Education and Training for Year 11 and 12 Students in Public Schools* (Report 32 – December 2016), is available on the Office of the Auditor General website at www.audit.wa.gov.au

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