



Information and news for QTU members



TAFE members vote YES to government wages offer

Almost 99 per cent of QTU TAFE members who voted in the recent QTU ballot have supported approval of the proposed replacement TAFE Educational Employees Certified Agreement.

The QTU ballot on the government's wages offer closed on Wednesday 22 August and all ballot papers have now been counted.

Of the 1068 ballot papers distributed, 555 were returned. The final count revealed that there were 509 votes in favour and 17 votes against. The number of informal votes numbered 29. This represents a vote in the affirmative of 98.8 per cent, an overwhelming endorsement of the proposed replacement agreement.

The Union is now in a position to sign the in-principle agreement which will give effect to the proposed replacement certified agreement. Once the new agreement is ratified in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (the Commission) the salary increase of two per cent will become operative and backdated to 1 August.

However, before the parties can move to ratify the replacement certified agreement in the Commission, DETE must conduct its own ballot of all eligible employees (not just those who are Union members).

Therefore, it is very important that members vote **AGAIN** in DETE's ballot. The Union is informed that this ballot will be conducted electronically. Notification of the process for this ballot will be emailed to all eligible employees by DETE in due course. The QTU will provide further advice to members on this process once the details are made available.

Teachers and tutors on leave will receive a letter containing details of the link to the website where the ballot information is posted.

The Union would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have supported the ballot and to ask them to encourage others in their teams or faculties to vote "Yes" in the employer's ballot, to ensure that all current conditions and entitlements are preserved in the next agreement.

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DETE has now released further information regarding the employer ballot.

The Director General's message to staff dated 24 August states:
"Staff will receive an email or letter in the week beginning 27 August inviting them to participate in the e-ballot".

More information can be found on the Department's website
(including FAQs and a copy of the proposed agreement):

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/tafe-eb-ballot-2012.html>