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Thank you to our ISANA Vic/Tas members who have reached out and asked for specific advice and direction in the last few weeks. I would like to congratulate you all on raising the awareness of the issues our international students face, not only in your own workplace, but in the broader community as well.

Since the last update, ISANA Vic/Tas participated in a meeting coordinated by Ethnic Communities Council Victoria (ECCV) on International Student Welfare and Wellbeing During COVID-19 Meeting. One of the key action items to come from the meeting was that there were many local councils offering support for international students. EECV will be producing a list of local councils offering support and forwarding that detail to Study Melbourne.

From next week, ISANA National Council will be meeting with Austrade weekly. The aim is to work together on initiatives leading towards recovery process.

ISANA are also busily working on a series of webinars that will be available to all branches. Please keep an eye on the [ISANA website's Professional Development page](#) for updated information; we will also email you directly. For now, each branch is organising their own Virtual Industry Check In, please see details below.

Stay Safe,

ISANA Vic/Tas Branch
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Save The Date!

We are organising a branch "check in" for members and their colleagues.

Date: Wednesday, 27th May 2020

Time: 4pm

Register: [Click Here](#)

ASQA Expression of Interest Stakeholder Liaison Group

Applications due 15th May 2020.

<https://www.asqa.gov.au/news-events/news/new-era-vet-sector>

The Australian Government's released its recommendations from the review of Australian Skills Quality Authority's (ASQA) regulatory processes and practices outlining how ASQA will work together with its sector and key stakeholders towards better regulation.

Applications are open for RTO's to register their expression of interest to be involved in Stakeholder Liaison Group.

This group will assist in:

- identifying and responding to key issues facing the sector
- strengthening strategic engagement and education channels and tools

Request your Insight: Gaps in Pastoral Care Melbourne International Students

Please provide your feedback to victas@isana.org.au by Friday 15th May.

The National President of ISANA has been invited to speak at the City of Melbourne International Education Virtual Roundtable on Monday 18 May. The Session is titled, "Current initiatives and gaps in pastoral care amongst the Melbourne international student"

It would be good to get viewpoints across all sectors: school sector, pathways, ELICOS, VET, undergraduate and postgraduate.

FREE COVID-19 and International Students Free Legal Webinar - Housing, Safety and Work

Presented by: Inner Melbourne Community Legal, Westjustice

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Register at: <https://lawweek.net.au/event/covid-19-and-international-students-housing-safety-and-work/>

Important COVID Support links

Tasmania

<https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/temporary-visa-holders>

Victoria

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/help-and-support/support-for-students-coronavirus>