The Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC) recently announced a new version of the Certificate III in Individual Support – CHC33021. Akadia Training is registered to offer this new course and has now ceased enrolments into the old course CHC33015.

Akadia will now offer the following:

* CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing)
* CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)
* CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing & Disability)

The updated version will give workers the skills and knowledge for person-centred support across residential, home or community care settings. The dual qualification, CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability) will allow participants to take both disability and aged care units and will free workers to move between sectors.

While this revised qualification supersedes the previous course, there is a transition period for those already enrolled in the current units or due to complete their qualification before 31 July 2023.

To help you understand how this change affects you we have developed some frequently asked questions.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **What is the main difference between CHC33015 (old qualification) and CHC33021 (new qualification)?**

The CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support has two extra units (a total of 15 units) and also includes updated units and content that reflect current industry standards and practices.

1. **What should I do if I'm currently enrolled in CHC33015?**

This all depends on how far you are through the course and if you will be able to finish your current course by the 31st July 2023. It is important to note that finish the course by 31st July 2024 you must have completed all assessments (knowledge and observations) by 30th June 2024. If you are able to complete your current course, then nothing needs to change.

Every Akadia student that has been affected by the change in qualification will have been contacted by their trainer or student support officer. If you have not been contacted or require further clarification about what this means for you, please contact your trainer via the student portal.

1. **How will the transition to CHC33021 affect my current studies?**

If you are transitioning to the new course you will receive an updated training plan. This training plan will include

1. **Can I transfer my completed units from CHC33015 to CHC33021?**
* Many units from CHC33015 may be credited towards CHC33021. Discuss with your trainer or student support officer about credit transfer options based on the units you've already completed.
* The following units are in both courses and can transfer across:
	+ CHCCOM005
	+ CHCDIV001
	+ CHCLEG001
	+ HLTWHS002
	+ HLTHPS006
* The following units from CHC33015 have equivalent (not exactly the same) units in CHC33021 and can transfer across:
	+ CHCCCS023
	+ CHCDIS001
	+ CHCDIS003
* The following units from CHC33015 are not equivalent and can not be transferred into the new course CHC33021:

Disability specialisation:

* CHCDIS007
* CHCCCS015
* HLTAAP001
* HLTINF001
* CHCDIS002
* CHCADV001
1. **Do I need to upgrade from CHC33015 to CHC33021?**
	* CHC33015 is still valid and recognised nationally so there is no need to upgrade at this time.
	* If you are currently working or seeking employment in the individual support sector, some employers prefer the new qualification.
2. **How can I transition to the CHC33021 if I have already completed the CHC33015?**
	* You can not transition into the new course if you have already completed the old course. You can however enrol as a new student in the new course and will be able to have credit transfers from the previous course.
	* You will however need to complete additional units or training to meet the requirements of the new course CHC33021.
3. **Will my CHC33015 qualification still be recognized?**
	* Yes, your CHC33015 qualification is still valid and recognized nationally.
4. **Is there any financial support available for transitioning to CHC33021?**
	* As a Skills Assured Supplier, Akadia Training is still able to offer access to funding for CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support. Contact admin@akadia.com.au to find out if you are eligible.
	* For students currently enrolled in CHC33015 at Akadia Training who have been advised that they will need to transition across to the new course, Akadia will cover the cost of the two extra units and you will not be charged any further fees.
5. **Who can I contact for more information about transitioning to CHC33021?**
	* For current Akadia students, your first point of contact should be your trainer via a message through the student portal.
	* Students are also welcome to contact admin on 07 4659 5662 or via email admin@akadia.com.au