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### **New appointment to expand AIST's education offerings**

**The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST)** has appointed **Meegan George** to the newly-created position of Executive Manger – Education.

Ms George will head up AIST's education team and implement a strategy to enhance and expand AIST's education offerings to trustee directors and fund staff.

AIST CEO Fiona Reynolds said the appointment reflected the critical importance of education within the super industry and the need to develop relevant and professional educational pathways.

"As our industry faces the challenges of implementing a range of new reforms and regulations, it's vital that our member funds have access to a high quality offering of education that is both accessible and relevant to trustee directors and fund staff," Ms Reynolds said.

Ms George has over 17 years experience in the finance industry; most recently with FINSIA where she worked with key FINSIA and industry stakeholders to develop the Financial Services Professional (FSP) Credential in Private and Business Banking. Prior to that, Ms George worked with other financial institutions such as RGA International, AMP and JP Morgan to develop educational frameworks and pathways focused on enhancing specialist and practitioner skills.

AIST's current education offerings include the Diploma of Superannuation, which builds on RG146 and is recognised in the industry as the key qualification for superannuation professionals. AIST also conducts a comprehensive suite of regular CPD events in all capital cities ranging from Trustee toolkits, Twilight seminars and Professional Development workshops for fund staff. AIST has recently launched a flexible learning platform with an online version of RG146 for the Superannuation Industry and a series of shorter technical topics available for financial advisers.

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