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EDITORIAL - NATIONAL HIGH RISK ASSESSEMENT INSTRUMENTS

Indications have been made to Easy Guides by a number of reliable sources that a meeting is to be held early in the new year to bring the 12 month review period of the instruments forward. It is anticipated that this meetings outcome will be the decision to review the assessment instruments and consequently, amended versions released. If this is the case, it is anyone's guess how long this will take and whether or not it will impact on the 1st July 2010 date when some states and territories are scheduled to start using the new system.

Apparently, upon release of the new high-risk licence assessment instruments in Western Australia recently, it was found that the assessment instruments had some factual errors, assessment tasks that were impossible to achieve in the time allocated and did not fully meet the requirements of the AQTF.

If the decision is made to review the assessment instruments, Easy Guides Australia urges government authorities to give subject matter experts with current industry experience a seat at the table. Such experts must be made an integral part of the process and not just act as an outside source of comment and feedback (where the message can be lost in translation). If a consensus is reached, by trainers with current industry experience, that the amended assessment instruments are realistic and represent current industry practise, then Easy Guides Australia believes any delay in receiving the amended assessment instruments will have been well worth the wait.

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