

EDITORIAL COMMENT

High Risk Licensing - Key milestones not yet met

1st July 2009 is the date set to end a two-year implementation period in Australia's transition to a national licensing system for persons performing "high risk" work.

Throughout this time, Easy Guides Australia has worked hard to try to keep readers of our newsletter and web page up to date on the progress of the implementation process. It is therefore with dismay that we must report that with only a few months to go, key milestones necessary for the implementation of the new system have not yet been met.



LICENCE UNITS OF COMPETENCY

The Construction Training Package (CPC08) (Dogging, Rigging, Scaffolding etc) is listed on the National Training Information Service (NTIS) website but is not downloadable or viewable.
<http://www.ntis.gov.au/Default.aspx?/trainingpackage/CPC08>

The Transport and Logistics Training Package (TLI07) (Forklift, Cranes etc) is listed on the NTIS web site. The licence units are listed but are missing from the package.
<http://www.ntis.gov.au/Default.aspx?/trainingpackage/TLI07>

ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS FOR LICENCE UNITS

These have been "missing in action" for some time now. Key stakeholders who will be using the new Assessment Instruments have not cited draft copies for over 12 months.

With these key planks of the new system still not available to primary stakeholders (RTOs, learning material developers etc), Easy Guides Australia believes that following the release of these key planks at least 6 months preparation would be needed to create an orderly lead time.

Easy Guides Australia is fully supportive of the new system, which will mandate a stronger training component and provide nationally recognised licences. However, the lead-time that was supposed to have been put in place has now evaporated. We urge government bodies to give the new system a fair chance and provide at least 6 months lead time following the release of the final copy of the licence units and assessment instruments.

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South Australia to use national Construction Induction Unit

South Australia requires that all participants undertake training in accordance with the nationally recognised course in construction induction. This course is based on the new national unit CPCCOH1001A Work safely in the construction industry.

Easy Guides Australia have just released a suite of materials for the new course. These materials provide a large bank of training tools to make a trainer's job of preparation much easier. The easy to understand pictorial nature of the materials also helps the learner to quickly grasp and understand the information being taught.

Easy Guides and the position in South Australia

Australia is going through a transition phase with states and territories moving towards the implementation of the new NATIONAL STANDARD FOR LICENSING PERSONS PERFORMING HIGH RISK WORK.



The accredited assessor system does not mandate formal training and relies on a 'single event' assessment (via an Assessment Instrument). The Vocational Education and Training (VET) system delivered through a registered training organisation (RTO) does mandate a formal training requirement under conditions set by the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF). As the transition to the new 'high risk work' licenses progresses, some states and territories are placing a greater emphasis on the delivery of a structured training program. In Western Australia, for example, an applicant for a 'high risk' license must go through an RTO. This is also the position in Queensland, which is operating under a wholly VET system.

The position in relation to training that is held by SA is as follows:

"Training must deliver a structured training programme which addresses the underpinning knowledge and skills to operate scheduled equipment safely. The training process will consist of a combination of theoretical and practical components that may be used to evaluate the operators competence in operating high risk plant. A trainer is encouraged to use a variety of resources and learning material to achieve this outcome. **This may include material such as the Easy Guides Safety and Licence Guides.** Trainers are reminded that the best learning outcomes are achieved through the application of a range of learning material and no single resource should be relied upon as the training tool."

For those already working through an RTO our downloadable PDF file 'Helping RTOs get the most of Easy Guide s Learning Support materials' will provide a valuable resource. [Click here for more information.](#)