



Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- TRAINING PACKAGES APPROVED
- TRANSITION PERIODS FOR TRAINING PACKAGE QUALS
- NEW TAFE MANAGING DIRECTORS
- WA TRAINING AWARDS
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- TRAINING PACKAGE UPDATES

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Industry News

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF BARBERING APPRENTICESHIP

RAPS is seeking letters of support for the establishment of a Barbering qualification as an apprenticeship in Western Australia. For further information, please contact Norma or Jane on 9446 8177.

RETAIL AND HAIRDRESSING AND BEAUTY SERVICES TRAINING PACKAGES APPROVED

At its March meeting, the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) approved eight training packages including the SIR v2 Retail Services and the SHB v2 Hairdressing and Beauty Services Training Packages.

EXTENSION OF TRANSITION PERIOD FOR UPDATED QUALIFICATIONS

To assist Registered Training Providers (RTOs) to implement the revised training package qualifications, AISC have agreed to temporarily increase the period allowed to transition students to the updated qualifications from 12 to 18 months. This provision only applies to training products endorsed by AISC between September 2015 and March 2016. The Floristry, Hairdressing and Beauty and Retail Training Packages will all be eligible for this extension. For more information, please click [here](#).

STATE PRIORITY OCCUPATION LIST (SPOL)

Thank you to those who have provided information for the RAPS SPOL submissions which were forwarded to the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) on 15 March 2016. Further discussions will be held with DTWD representatives in May prior to the list being finalised by DTWD.

**Changes to the
TAFE sector in
Western
Australia**

**WA Training
Awards -
Applications
close 13 May**

**WA Training
Providers' Forum
early bird
registrations
close 6 May**

WA News

CHANGES TO TAFE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

As part of the State Government's Training Sector Reform Project, key changes have been made to Western Australia's TAFE system which will ultimately deliver new choices to students, industry and the community of Western Australia. A network of five TAFE Colleges have been established to manage the current 70 campus locations across Western Australia (see [attached](#)).

New TAFE Interim Managing Directors

The State Government has announced the five new TAFE College Governing Councils and Interim Managing Directors appointed to oversee the reform of WA's public training sector. Details can be found [here](#).

WA TRAINING AWARDS (WATA)

Applications for the 2016 WATA are now open! The Awards recognize and reward outstanding achievements of Apprentices, Trainees and Vocational students and the contribution to training made by trainers, training organisations and employers. Celebrating 22 years, the Awards continue to put our State's top achievers in the spotlight. There are 13 categories including 8 individual categories and 5 organisational categories. For more information, and to make an application, please visit the website [here](#). **Applications close on Friday 13 May 2016.**

WA TRAINING PROVIDERS' FORUM 30 and 31 May 2016

The Training Providers' Forum is Western Australia's leading forum on training and workforce development. This two day conference and exhibition will provide the latest updates on training and workforce development and showcase examples of innovation and good practice. For more information visit the website [here](#).

National News

TRAINING PACKAGE UPDATES

SHB Hairdressing and Beauty Services Training Package

The following hairdressing and beauty qualifications and units of competency were included in the second submission of the *SHB Hairdressing and Beauty Services Training Package* which was endorsed in March 2016:

- Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics
- Certificate II Salon Assistant
- Certificate III in Barbering
- Certificate III in Hairdressing
- Certificate IV in Hairdressing
- Diploma of Salon Management
- Graduate Certificate in Hairdressing Creative Leadership

These training package components and mandatory Companion Volume Implementation Guide are now available for download on training.gov.au.

SIR Retail Services Training Package

Retail Services Update—including Community Pharmacy updates

After extensive industry consultation and validation and a full external quality review, SIR v2 Retail Services was approved at the March 2016 meeting of AISC and the training package components and mandatory Companion Volume Implementation Guide are now available for download on training.gov.au.

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