

State News

RAPS HAVE MOVED OFFICE

We moved at the beginning of January and are happily settled into our new offices at 22 Mumford Place, Balcatta. Our telephone and fax numbers have changed: Tel: 08 9240 5221; Fax: (08) 9240 5120. Email addresses are the same.

BARBERING APPRENTICESHIP

We are pleased to advise that delivery of the Barbering Apprenticeship has commenced this year. Click [here](#) to see where training is being carried out.

STATE PRIORITY OCCUPATION LIST (SPOL) 2017

RAPS have submitted the 2017 Questionnaire to DTWD in relation to occupations that the relevant RAPS industry sectors consider should be retained on the State Priority Occupation List (SPOL). We will keep you informed of any developments with the submission. The 2016 SPOL can be viewed [here](#).

VET IN SCHOOLS REGISTER - is currently being updated by RAPS. If you have any questions relating to the Register, please contact Norma on 9240 5221.

WA TRAINING AWARDS

The WA Training Awards recognise and reward outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students, and the contribution to training made by trainers, training organisations and employers. There are 12 categories in the WA Training Awards; eight individual categories and four organisation categories.

State winners will be announced at a Presentation Dinner on Friday 15 September 2017 and will receive \$5,000 in cash or prizes. Click [here](#) for more information on how to enter and key dates. **Applications close 5 May 2017.**

REMINDER TO ALL REGISTERED TRAINING PROVIDERS

There have been many changes to assessment requirements within training packages and we strongly advise training providers to check all units to ensure compliance.

WA TRAINING PROVIDERS' FORUM 2017

The 2017 Forum will be held on **Monday 29 May** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Forum is getting a makeover, becoming a one day conference for the first time. A busy and vibrant one day program will both engage and challenge delegates and will focus on the student experience, employer perspectives and assessment. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

TAFE ADMISSIONS FULL TIME STUDIES GUIDE available [here](#)

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SIR RETAIL SERVICES TRAINING PACKAGE CONSULTATION

SkillsIQ is seeking feedback on the new and revised training package products in the following areas:

- Online Retailing
- Merchandise Management – Buying and Planning
- Visual Merchandising

The feedback period for draft retail training package products **closes on Fri 17th March 2017**. To access Draft 1 material and leave your feedback please [click here](#). Please first read the document 'Instructions for leaving feedback' for information on how to leave and submit your comments.

For further information please contact Lauren Hosking at lauren.hosking@skillsiq.com.au or phone (02) 9392 8100. Alternatively, please contact David Ingram from RAPS (9240 5221) with any feedback prior to the 17th March.

A GUIDE TO PROVIDING SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR APPRENTICES

Formal mentoring is an important aspect of apprenticeships; however, it is also informal mentoring — practices that are difficult to formally nurture — that plays a significant and effective role in supporting the overall wellbeing of an apprentice. This good practice guide is designed to help employers think about and provide work-based social support structures that may contribute to the health and wellbeing of young apprentices as they transition to the world of work. Click [here](#) to download the Guide.