



Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

Registered Training Organisation update

Transition arrangements for 30215QLD Course in General Safety Induction (Construction Industry)

This guide has been produced jointly between the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations (Workplace Health and Safety Queensland - WHSQ) and the Department of Education Training and the Arts. It provides information about the transition arrangements for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) that are currently registered to deliver *30215QLD Course in General Safety Induction (Construction Industry)* and would like to register for the new unit of competency *CPCCOHS1001A Work safely in the construction industry* from the CPC08 Construction, Plumbing and Services Integrated Framework Training Package.

Workplace health and safety regulatory requirements – *Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2008*

Under the *Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2008* any person undertaking construction work in Queensland must successfully complete a general safety induction course recognised by Queensland law before they start work in any construction activity.

Following completion of the course, the successful participant must be issued with a statement of attainment for the course and a general induction card. General induction cards are available exclusively from Workplace Health and Safety Queensland.

The current accredited course *30215QLD Course in General Safety Induction (Construction Industry)* expires on 30 June 2009. From 1 July 2009 only CPCCOHS1001A will meet the regulatory requirements. RTOs registered to do so should continue to deliver the accredited course until it expires on 30 June 2009.

New national 'white card' to replace 'blue card'

Queensland will transition general induction evidence cards from the current 'blue card' format to the nationally agreed 'white card' format. These numbered cards will be available from Workplace Health and Safety Queensland in June 2009.

Note: Under the existing licence agreement, all RTOs will be required to return to WHSQ all unused general induction cards when they cease to deliver 30215QLD i.e. after 30 June 2009.

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland will continue to exclusively issue bulk copies of numbered general induction cards to RTOs on the condition that:

- RTOs provide evidence of current RTO status including Scope of Registration to deliver the unit.
- RTOs enter into a new agreement with Workplace Health and Safety Queensland for the delivery of CPCCOHS1001A.

RTO transition

Shortly after the release of the CPC08 Construction, Plumbing and Services Integrated Framework Training Package, an Information Notice will be distributed by Registration Services (DETA) to RTOs affected by the release advising of transition and teach out arrangements. Please ensure your RTO details are current to ensure this information is received in a timely fashion. Please contact Registration Services on 1300 369 935 to amend your RTO contact details.

A new agreement to issue general induction cards

RTOs will be required to enter into an agreement with Workplace Health and Safety Queensland which will replace the existing licence agreement for delivery of *30215QLD Course in General Safety Induction (Construction Industry)*. The existing licensing agreement with the Department of Education, Training and the Arts will not apply following the transition to the new unit of competency.

The new agreement (similar to the old licensing agreement) will address conditions on:

- RTO delivery (including online delivery)
- arrangements for supply of general induction cards to RTOs
- provide authority for compliance monitoring and sanctions for inadequate or inappropriate delivery.

All RTOs that deliver the new course and want to issue general induction cards will be required to enter into this agreement. Without entering into an agreement RTOs will not be able to issue successful participants with their general induction card. General induction cards are exclusively available from Workplace Health and Safety Queensland.

How to enter an agreement

RTOs that have scope of registration to deliver and assess this unit (which may or may not mean a separate application) and want to issue general induction cards to successful students must enter into an agreement with Workplace Health and Safety Queensland to do so.

The agreement is available through application to:

Licensing Services
Workplace Health and Safety Queensland
PO Box 820
LUTWYCHE QLD 4030
Ph: 1300 369 915
Fax: 07 3872 0629
Email:
licensingcomplianceservices@deir.qld.gov.au

The application should be made in writing and:

- be made on the letterhead of the RTO, and
- signed by an authorised representative of the RTO.

A signed version of the agreement and a letter of approval will be provided to the RTO by WHSQ once approved.

Approval is granted on the basis that as an organisation you have Scope of Registration as an RTO to deliver *CPCCOHS1001A Work safely in the construction industry* from the CPC08 Construction, Plumbing and Services Integrated Framework Training Package from the Department of Education, Training and Arts.

What about training and assessment materials?

RTOs will be able to develop training and assessment materials to meet the requirements of the national competency unit as per the Australian Quality Training Framework requirements.

Delivering this training in other states and territories

RTOs delivering training and assessment in another state or territory must ensure that it complies with all the legislative and licensing requirements of that state or territory. Before commencing delivery in any other state RTOs must contact the regulatory authority in the other state to confirm any licensing/regulatory provisions that apply in that state.

Organisations registered in Queensland and wishing to deliver training in other states and territories, can begin training or assessment in any other state or territory, but must notify the Training and Employment Recognition Council in Queensland that they are doing so within 21 days of commencing that training delivery.

The details of both the RTO and the training to be delivered and assessed in another state or territory are updated on the National Training Information Service database.

<http://www.ntis.gov.au/>

Please note a number of jurisdictions are proposing to restrict delivery of this course to face-to-face delivery only.

What happens to the old 'blue cards'?

Queensland construction workers will not be required to replace their blue card as they will continue to be valid and recognised in Queensland and other jurisdictions.

What is happening in other states?

From 5 November 2008 Workplace Health and Safety Queensland commenced recognising general safety for construction work induction (construction induction) cards issued in South Australia and Western Australia, further

expanding existing mutual recognition arrangements for construction induction.

Mutual recognition arrangements with New South Wales and Victoria have already been in place for some time. Mutual recognition of construction induction cards with South Australia and Western Australia will further enhance the capacity of construction workers to move across state boundaries without the requirement to undertake construction induction training in each state.

The Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania and Northern Territory do not currently have a regulatory requirement for construction induction training.

For more information contact:

Training related queries

Registration Services Team on 3227 8808 or 3222 2775

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Or visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the WHS Infoline on 1300 369 915.

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