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CHANGES TO ITSRR GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENCY

Under the *Rail Safety Act 2002* issuers of certificates of competency to railway employees are required to have regard to ITSRR's *Guidelines for Certification of Competency*.

The Guidelines have been revised to facilitate transition to the rail safety worker competency and identification requirements of the *Rail Safety Bill 2008* which was introduced into NSW Parliament on 24 September 2008.

The Bill provides for a two-year transition to new requirements relating to rail safety worker competence and identification. During the transition period, the certification of competence requirements of the *Rail Safety Act 2002*, including the *Guidelines for Certification of Competency*, will continue to apply.

The Guidelines have been revised to:

- amend the minimum qualifications of trainers and competency assessors to reflect current Australian Quality Training Framework requirements
- amend the criteria for issuing certificates of competency to reflect current Australian Qualifications Framework terminology
- clarify the information required to be included on certificates of competency for all railway employees.

The standards against which competence must be assessed have been amended to align with the requirements of the *Rail Safety Bill 2008*. Requirements for qualifications of trainers and assessors have been updated to reflect current Australian Quality Training Framework requirements. However, unlike the *Rail Safety Bill 2008*, the Guidelines do not require competence to be assessed by a registered training organisation.

The revised *Guidelines for Certification of Competency* apply from 1 November 2008 and can be viewed on ITSRR's website at:

http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/rules/documents/Guidelines_Compentency_2008.pdf

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