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AMENDMENT OF THE GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENCY

The *Guidelines for Certification of Competency* were amended on 24 November 2006 to:

- allow a railway operator to issue certificates of competency, whether or not the railway operator is accredited. This will enable new railway operators who are exempt from accreditation under clause 49AA of the *Rail Safety (General) Regulation 2003* to issue certificates of competency. Accordingly, sections 4.1 and 5.1 have been amended to refer to “operators of a railway”, instead of “accredited operators”.
- reflect the new terminology for the certification requirements for competency assessors, in line with the revised Australian Quality Training Framework standard. Section 5.2(b)(iii) of the Guidelines previously referred to Category Two and Category Four qualifications. These terms are now out of date, although those qualifications are still recognised as valid. Accordingly, section 5.2(b)(iii) of the Guidelines has been replaced by the following:

5.2(b)(iii) For training assessment: possess a minimum of the three stated competencies from the Training and Assessment Training Package (TAA04) or is able to demonstrate equivalent competencies.

For training delivery: possess the stated Certificate IV in Training and Assessment from the Training and Assessment Training Package (TAA04) or is able to demonstrate equivalent competencies.

Note:

Assessors who hold BSZ401A, BSZ402A and BSZ403A from the Training Package for Assessment and Workplace Training (BSZ98) do not have to upgrade their competencies to comply with the revised standard.

These changes enable unaccredited railway operators to issue certificates of competency, and update the qualifications for competency assessors cited in the Guidelines.

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