



Information Alert



EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR TRAINING DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OFFICERS AUTHORISED BY ACCREDITED RAILWAY OPERATORS

The *Guidelines Relating to Drug & Alcohol Programs* were amended on 4 August 2006 to specify, among other things, that accredited railway operators must have trained their testing officers in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Guidelines by 1 January 2007.

ITSRR is extending the deadline for operators to train their testing officers in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Guidelines to 31 March 2007.

Schedule 1 includes the following requirements:

- that testing officer training be conducted by trainers who hold a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment qualification (or equivalent); and
- that testing officers must be trained in the topics listed in Schedule 1 of the Guidelines, to the extent that the topics are relevant to the testing officers' role and functions under the drug and alcohol program of the operator who authorised them.

ITSRR's model training course to assist railway operators in meeting these new training requirements is available on the ITSRR website at http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/D&A_Training_Course.html

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