



Information Alert



DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP – MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2008

The *Guidelines Relating to Drug & Alcohol Programs* specify that accredited railway operators must train their testing officers in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Guidelines.

ITSRR has developed a model training course to assist railway operators in meeting the training requirements outlined in Schedule 1. The details of the course can be viewed on ITSRR's website at <http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/aboutUs/training.html>

ITSRR will conduct a free one-day workshop (based on the model training course) for testing officers at its offices in Sydney on 17 November 2008.

Railway operators should, if possible, nominate two to three of their testing officers to attend the workshop to facilitate "breakaway" discussion groups on their particular drug and alcohol program. Participants must be familiar with their organisation's drug and alcohol program, and bring a copy of the program with them to the workshop.

To nominate to attend the ITSRR workshop, contact Natalie Devescovi on (02) 8263 7180 or natalie.devescovi@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au by Friday 31 October 2008.

Further details regarding the workshop will be provided once each place in the workshop has been confirmed. Places in the workshop are limited and priority will be given to accredited railway operators which have limited resources to develop their own training course.

It should be noted that the model training course does not cover the use of breath testing devices, as railway operators may use a variety of different devices. Accordingly, railway operators using the model training course need to arrange for their testing officers to also receive training in the use of relevant breath testing devices to ensure they have fully complied with Schedule 1.

If you require further information, please contact Natalie Devescovi, Administration Officer, Security & Compliance Investigations, on (02) 8263 7180.

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