



Information Alert

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOPS 19 FEBRUARY AND 5 MARCH 2007

The *Guidelines Relating to Drug & Alcohol Programs* specify that accredited railway operators must have trained their testing officers in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Guidelines by 31 March 2007.

ITSRR has developed a model training course to assist railway operators in meeting the training requirements outlined in Schedule 1. The model training course is available on the ITSRR website at www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/D&A_Training_Course.html

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 ensure their testing officers also receive training in the use of relevant breath testing devices, to ensure they have fully complied with Schedule 1.

ITSRR will conduct two free one-day workshops for testing officers, based on the model training course, at its offices in Sydney on 19 February and 5 March 2007.

Nominations for attendance at either of the workshops should be provided to Frances Bonaddio on (02) 8263 7184 or email frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 14 February 2007. Details on the arrangements will be provided on confirmation of a place in one of the workshops.

Railway operators should, if possible, nominate two or three of their testing officers to attend the same 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 training course.

Places in the workshops are limited and priority will be given to accredited railway operators which have limited resources to develop their own training course.

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