



# Information Alert



## DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP – TUESDAY 25 MARCH 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 (follow the link on the Training page of ITSRR's website at <http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/aboutUs/training.html>) to assist railway operators in meeting the training requirements outlined in Schedule 1.

ITSRR will conduct a free one-day workshop (based on the model training course) for testing officers at its offices in Sydney on 25 March 2008.

Railway operators should, if possible, nominate two or 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 email [natalie.devescovi@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](mailto:natalie.devescovi@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au) by Friday 14 March 2008.**

Details on the arrangements will be provided on confirmation of a place in the workshop. Places 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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