



# Information Alert



## DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP – 3 SEPTEMBER 2007

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 (see ITSRR's website at [www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/D&A\\_Training\\_Course.html](http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/D&A_Training_Course.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 3 September 2007.

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 Frances Bonaddio on (02) 8263 7184 or email [frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](mailto:frances.bonaddio@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au) by Friday 24 August 2007.**

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

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