



Information Alert



DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2009

Accredited rail transport operators must train their testing officers in accordance with Clause 11 of the *Rail Safety (Drug & Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2008*.

The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) has developed a model training course to assist railway operators in meeting the training requirements outlined in Clause 11. 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 10 June 2009.

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 email natalie.devescovi@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 27 May 2009.

Further details regarding the workshop will be provided once all places have been confirmed. Places in the workshop are limited and priority will be given to accredited rail transport operators with 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. This means railway operators using the model training course also need to arrange for their testing officers to receive training in the use of relevant breath testing devices to ensure they have fully complied with Clause 11.

Rail transport operator drug and alcohol (D&A) programs must include arrangements for the authorisation and training of testing officers for the purposes of conducting D&A testing.

Operators must ensure testing officers are trained according to the requirements in Clause 11 and are authorised in accordance with Clause 4 of the *Rail Safety (Drug & Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2008*.

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

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Carolyn Walsh
Chief Executive