



# TRAINING PACKAGES IN TASMANIA

## FACT SHEET

### Licensing – less red tape?

#### Background

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed at its meeting in February 2006 that a package of measures designed to strengthen a national approach to alleviate skills shortages.

COAG has agreed to changes to enable people with trade qualifications to move more freely around Australia without undergoing additional testing and registration processes.

COAG has agreed that governments will work with employers and unions to put in place more effective mutual recognition arrangements across States and Territories for electricians, plumbers, motor mechanics, refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanics, carpenters and joiners and bricklayers (skills shortage trades) by June 2007 and by December 2008 for all licensed occupations where people normally receive certificates and diplomas.

#### What's happening now?

DEST is overseeing this initiative. A steering committee and four action groups have been formed to cover the identified occupational areas.

The make up of the steering committee includes a representative from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The four action groups' membership includes representatives from each State and Territory.

#### What's OPCET doing?

Skills Tasmania and Workplace Standards are working together to meet the outcomes of this project.

Related to this work are the Continuous Improvement and Employability Skills Projects.

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