

# Skills Tasmania Facts



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## Professional Development Workshops in May 2009:

### 'Enough is enough!' – Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) evidence - do we really need "wheelbarrows full"?

Chris Todd and John Price

This workshop examines how much evidence and the amount of detail that needs to be provided at an Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) audit. It looks at a range of evidence gathering techniques, the nature of evidence and how we can uphold the 'rules'. The prime purpose of collecting evidence and recording judgments based on the evidence collected should be for the purpose of continuous improvement in assessment rather than satisfying an auditor.

### Moderation and validation of RPL assessment – a continuous improvement approach

John Price

This workshop aims at determining the differences between validation and moderation but clearly describes the synergy between the two so that when used together they provide the opportunity to improve the quality of RPL assessment overall.

Date	Time	Location	Cost	Code
<b>Enough is enough! RPL Evidence</b>				
6 May	9.30–3.30	Hobart	FREE	PD0904
<b>Moderation and Validation of RPL Assessment</b>				
7 May	9.30–3.30	Hobart	FREE	PD0905
8 May	9.30–3.30	Launceston	FREE	PD0906

Each workshop session is free, but you must register to attend.

Enrol now by emailing [pennyd@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pennyd@bigpond.net.au) or phoning (03) 6229 6382.

## Infrastructure funding for the community education sector

The Australian Government has announced the Teaching and Learning Capital Fund (TLCF) for VET as part of a \$4.7 billion

### Dates for your Diary

6 May	'Enough is enough!' - RPL Evidence (Hobart)
7 May	Moderation and Validation of RPL Assessment (Hobart)
8 May	Moderation and Validation of RPL Assessment (Launceston)
8 May	Review of TAA40104 Certificate IV Training and Assessment consultation workshop (Hobart)
18-19 May	Skills Tasmania Conference 2009 (Launceston)
29 May	2009 Tasmanian Training Awards – nominations close at 5.00pm
2 Jun	edna workshop (Launceston)
9 Jun	Trade Training Centres in Schools Program – applications for Round Two close
28 Aug	2009 Tasmanian Training Awards – Gala Dinner (Hobart)

national building infrastructure package to support Australia's economy. As part of the TLCF, \$100 million will be available for *Investing in Community Education and Training (ICET)*, enabling not for profit Community Education and Training (CET) Providers to apply for funding for capital infrastructure developments or upgrades, maintenance and the purchase of equipment.

A nationally competitive process will be held in May 2009 for eligible CET providers. A requirement of ICET is that all infrastructure projects will need to be completed by June 2010.

Information on ICET can be found on the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) website at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/TLCF>.

A key role for Skills Tasmania in this process will be to offer guidance and assistance to not for profit CET providers in the writing of their application. Skills Tasmania therefore encourages all CET providers who anticipate submitting an application to ICET to contact us on (03) 6233 4600.

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## Expressions of Interest: Equity Support Program - small grants

Grants are available for projects commencing on or after 1 August 2009 which increase or support opportunities for people who may be experiencing barriers to participation in post compulsory training and/or employment. Projects may involve individuals from the following groups:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- People with a disability
- Women
- Older people (45+)
- Migrants and refugees

The program is designed to assist overcoming barriers to participation, and funding is therefore available for broad support projects which may or may not include accredited training.

### Eligibility

Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and community groups are eligible to apply. Projects with relevant community partnerships and innovative approaches for specific target groups will be viewed favourably.

Application forms, selection criteria and categories are listed in detail on the Skills Tasmania website.

<http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/providers/services>

For further enquiries contact Marion Wilcox on (03) 6233 7115 or email [marion.wilcox@skills.tas.gov.au](mailto:marion.wilcox@skills.tas.gov.au)

**Applications close by COB on Thursday, 21 May 2009.**

Please email your proposal to [marion.wilcox@skills.tas.gov.au](mailto:marion.wilcox@skills.tas.gov.au)

## Review of TAA40104 Certificate IV Training and Assessment - workshop registration now open

Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA), one of 11 Industry Skills Councils for the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system, is conducting a review of the TAA40104 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

In April 2008, a paper was prepared for IBSA reviewing the fitness for purpose of the Certificate IV in the TAA04 Training and Assessment Training Package. The paper was required to comment on matters such as: the qualification's suitability for its role as the basic training qualification in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector; the design and content of the core units; the balance of the various components of the Package; and its conformity with a competency standards-based approach.

That paper made a number of criticisms of the qualification along with a series of recommendations as to ways in which it might be improved. The detailed arguments and the proposed model can be found in the consultation paper:

[www.ibsa.org.au/downloads/TAA40104\\_Consultation\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.ibsa.org.au/downloads/TAA40104_Consultation_Paper.pdf).

Individuals and organisations are invited to provide feedback, which they can do via online forum participation; submitting a written response; or by attending one of the capital city workshops being conducted nationally during May. Details for the Tasmanian workshop are as follows:

**Hobart (9am - 12pm)**

**Friday, 8 May 2009**

For further information or to register please visit

[www.ibsa.org.au/content/currentprojects/TAA40104\\_Review.html](http://www.ibsa.org.au/content/currentprojects/TAA40104_Review.html).

Also, for those that can't make it to the workshop Skills Tasmania has arranged to have the session streamed live at

[www.ustream.tv/tflg](http://www.ustream.tv/tflg). For more information contact Peter Shanks on (03) 6233 4617.

## 2009 Tasmanian Training Awards

REMINDER: nominations are now open for the 2009 Tasmanian Training Awards.

Categories and nomination details at:

[www.skills.tas.gov.au/trainingawards09](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/trainingawards09) or call Jacqui Maclaine on (03) 6233 3194.

