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Professional Development Workshops in July/August 2009:

Training Safety

Presenter: Brian Hevey

This one-day program, which is for trainers and Australian Apprenticeships Centre consultants covers all aspects of safety (before, during and after training), including: equipment and training resources checks and safety; personal protective equipment for trainers; classroom and workplace hazards; workplace expectations of visiting vocational education and training (VET) practitioners; site inductions; and actions in the event of incident or emergency. A number of useful checklists will also be provided for participants.

Engaging Enterprises – Developing a training culture and building an effective business relationship

Presenter: John Price and Chris Todd

This session focuses on engaging enterprises in order to:

- determine what their needs with respect to training and assessment are;
- identify what strategies we might develop to meet those needs;
- measure, through performance monitoring, if we met them and how we might improve them in the future; and
- discuss the value of co-assessment in meeting the needs and developing the relationship.

Training Safety			
23 July (9.30 -3.30)	Launceston	\$130	PD0916
24 July (9.30 -3.30)	Hobart	\$130	PD0917
Engaging Enterprises – Developing a training culture and building an effective business relationship			
3 August (9.30 -3.30)	Hobart	\$160	PD0918
4 August (9.30 -3.30)	Launceston	\$160	PD0919

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

Dates for your Diary

- 23 Jul Training Safety (Launceston)
- 24 Jul Training Safety (Hobart)
- 29 Jul Demonstration of the Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways website (Hobart) – RSVP 27 July
- 3 Aug Engaging Enterprises – Developing a training culture and building an effective business relationship (Hobart)
- 4 Aug Engaging Enterprises – Developing a training culture and building an effective business relationship (Launceston)
- 28 Aug 2009 Tasmanian Training Awards presented (Hobart)

Is your new apprentice/trainee under 18?

The Tasmanian Training Agreements Committee (TTAC) recently amended Policy 24, *Signatories to Training Contracts*.

Where an apprentice/trainee is under the age of 18 years at the commencement date of the training contract, the contract should also be signed by a parent or guardian.

However, if the apprentice/trainee is not under the care of a parent or guardian or is unwilling or otherwise unable to obtain a parent or guardian signature, the training contract may still be registered.

In these instances, the parent/guardian details should be left blank on the training contract and the apprentice/trainee should sign a parent/guardian waiver.

The Parent/Guardian Waiver form is available from all Australian Apprenticeships Centres. TTAC's policies can be downloaded from:

www.skills.tas.gov.au/systemtas/ttacommittee



Demonstration of the Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways website

The Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways website is an Australian Apprenticeships resource for students, which is also used by careers advisers to stimulate discussion with students about Australian Apprenticeships options. The site provides access to 2,500 plus sample Australian Apprenticeships job and training descriptions and Job Pathways Charts.

A representative from the Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service will demonstrate this valuable website and answer questions late this month. Details for this event are as follows:

Wednesday, 29 July (3pm)

Hobart (Skills Tasmania boardroom - first floor, 99 Bathurst Street)

This is an open forum that will run for approximately one hour.

If you would like to attend please contact Pam Sonners by 27 July at: pamela.sonnars@skills.tas.gov.au

For further information about Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways call 1800 338 022 or visit the website (www.aajobpathways.com.au).

NQC Policy Framework: VET Products for the 21st Century

The Ministerial Council for Vocational and Technical Education (MCVTE) has endorsed a policy framework to improve the flexibility and responsiveness of the vocational education and training (VET) system.

The framework was developed by a Joint Steering Committee of the National Quality Council (NQC) and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Skills and Workforce Development Subgroup through extensive national consultations with VET stakeholders.

The purpose of the Joint Steering Committee is to ensure that nationally recognised training products within the VET sector are flexible and responsive to changing industry, business and individual needs and workplace practices. This includes work on improving the design of units of competency, Training Packages, VET qualifications, credit systems and accredited courses to support reforms in relation to competition and contestability within the VET sector.

Subsequent to MCVTE endorsement of the policy framework for VET Products for the 21st Century, the NQC has established an Action Group to put effect to the recommendations in the final report.

For a copy of the policy visit:
www.nqc.tvetaustralia.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/49658/NQC_communique_-_29_June_2009.pdf

The final report from NQC on the VET Products for the 21st Century can also be downloaded from the NQC website.

