



## Training Delivers Benefits for Tyco Workers



Shortly after receiving his Certificate IV in Training and Assessment from the Canberra Institute of Technology, Mr Glenn Hain (pictured) conducted a number of training programs for Tyco's employees including the development, planning and assessment of a Driver Training Program.

Mr Hain is Tyco's OH&S and Environmental Adviser for the ACT/Southern NSW region, and is also in the process of planning a number of specialised training programs for Tyco's employees, for e.g. Emergency Response and Fire Fighting.

Mr Hain said "the training provided by CIT was relevant and practical and I have already applied the skills and competency I learnt to implement a training program for Tyco's employees and would recommend this qualification to supervisors or managers.

In addition the funding provided by the Training Fund Authority for this and several other training programs is a great incentive to undertake training".

The Certificate IV in Training and Assessment is suitable for people responsible for the development and training of individuals and groups who conduct training as part of their role as supervisor or manager.

The Training Fund Authority may partially reimburse eligible workers within the ACT building and construction industry the costs associated with an approved training course conducted by a Registered Training Organisation. For information about funded training, contact the Training Fund Authority.

## Prime Minister Launches Program for New Skills Training Places

The Prime Minister, the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP has officially launched the **Productivity Places Program** to fund an initial 20,000 new skills training places from 1 April 2008.

The **Productivity Places Program** will provide 450,000 training places over the next four years to ensure Australians develop the skills that industry needs.

Registered Training Organisations are being invited to be part of this initiative to build a stronger and more productive Australia. The training starts in April, with 20,000 training places being funded for job seekers. Training for job seekers during this stage will be at certificate II and III levels.

To be part of this new opportunity, RTOs are to register their details and complete the online application on the [program website](#) from 7 March 2008 through to 30 June 2008. RTOs should familiarise themselves with the request to participate, the priority occupations list and eligible qualifications, draft contract and draft program guidelines.

For more information contact Skilling Australia Contact Centre on ☎ **13 38 73**, ✉ [productivityplaces@dest.gov.au](mailto:productivityplaces@dest.gov.au) or visit [www.dest.gov.au/productivityplaces](http://www.dest.gov.au/productivityplaces)

## Training Fund Authority - 2009 Training Plan

Planning and consultation to develop the Training Fund Authority's 2009 Training Plan has commenced.

The consultation and research process will be similar to previous years in that the Training Fund Authority will be provided with detailed information on training needs from the *ACT Regional Building and Construction Industry Training Council* and the *ACT Utilities and Light Manufacturing Industry Training Board*. In addition, the Training Fund Authority will conduct its own survey of some stakeholders.

In 2009 the Training Fund Authority will fund the following five programs:

- ◆ Entry Level Training
- ◆ Existing Worker and Professional Development
- ◆ Promotion and Marketing
- ◆ Research and Development
- ◆ Access and Equity



Individuals or organisations wishing to provide information on training issues for the 2009 Training Plan can contact Colin McJannett on ☎ 6262 5630 ✉ [colin@trainingfund.com.au](mailto:colin@trainingfund.com.au)



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## ACT Joins National Campaign to Improve Safety in Manufacturing

Workplace Safety Authorities across Australia have commenced a safety campaign to improve machine guarding in the manufacturing industry.

The national campaign is designed to reduce workplace injuries by improving the capability of businesses in the manufacturing industry to manage safety risks associated with operating machinery and equipment.

Unguarded machinery has the potential for causing severe injuries, including crushed fingers or hands, amputations, burns, or blindness.

In the ACT, around 32 serious incidents occur each year as a result of inadequately guarded machinery with just under 23 per cent of injuries occurring within the manufacturing industry.

Raising awareness of injury risks and improving the rate of installation and maintenance of adequate guarding on machines is the campaign's primary aim.

The campaign will produce nationally consistent guidance material to provide industry with practical information on how to guard machinery and equipment at their workplace.

As part of the campaign, workplace safety inspectors in the ACT will visit around 20 workplaces that manufacture wood products, to provide practical advice and assistance about safety requirements specific to guarding machinery and equipment.

Workplace visits will take place during March and April which will allow WorkCover to gain a better understanding of the unique challenges faced by workplaces that undertake manufacturing.

Source: ACT WorkCover

## Need Money for Training?

The ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority manages industry training levy funds to support training in the building and construction and electrotechnology industries in the ACT.

Employers, sub-contractors and self-employed contractors in these industries can apply for funding for training programs conducted by a Registered Training Organisation.

Applications can be downloaded from the website or contact the Training Fund Authority on ☎ 6262 5630.

## ACT Group Training Organisation Breakfast

The Training Fund Authority will host its third breakfast on behalf of ACT Group Training Organisations and a number of their host employers on 9 May at the Federal Golf Club.

The Theme for the event is: **BECOMING 6-STAR GREEN - TREVOR PEARCEY HOUSE REFURBISHMENT**

The keynote speaker will be Mr Howard Pender.

Australian Ethical Investments' multi-award winning refurbished Canberra headquarters has recently become Australia's third building to achieve a six-star Green Star rating.

The rating gives Trevor Pearcey House in Bruce official 'world leading' status from the Green Building Council of Australia.

The revamped building took a little over a year in design and construction and is a low-tech workplace that has reduced its water and energy by more than 75 percent. It is a model green building on many fronts.

Mr Pender was the project manager for this very successful refurbishment. His presentation will provide valuable insight into how it is possible to achieve a high-level outcome from the recycling of materials with the inclusion of many energy efficiency features, and most importantly, how it can be achieved in a cost-effective manner.

## Improve your skills and professional development with the following courses.

- Wet Area Waterproofing
- Confined Space Training
- Traffic Control Management
- Introduction to OH&S
- Senior First Aid (level 2)
- OH&S Risk Management Training
- OH&S Representatives Training
- Fall Prevention
- Waterwise Course
- Testing and tagging of electrical equipment
- Open Cable Registration
- Optical Fibre Cabling
- Business Administration and Management
- Computerised Accounting

The above courses are examples of courses for which the Training Fund Authority may reimburse up to 80% of the training Cost (conditions Apply).

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