

Newsletter

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ACT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
**TRAINING FUND
AUTHORITY**

Minister appoints new member to Board of the Training Fund Authority

Minister for Education and Training, Andrew Barr MLA has appointed Mr Neville Betts to the Board of the Training Fund Authority.

Mr Betts replaced Mr Brian O'Reilly who was a founding member of the Board since 1999 and retired earlier this year. Mr Betts attended his first Board meeting in August and is a representative for employees.

The Minister also reappointed board members Mr James Service (Chairman) Ms Alison Just, Ms Sarah Schoonwater and Mr John Hailey for a further period.

Profile - Mr Neville Betts

Born in Canberra and completed an Electrical Linesman trade in 1979 at ACTEA now ACTEW, Mr Betts is a current member of the TransGrid Board and Assistant Secretary of the CEPU (Electrical Trades Union) Electrical Division of Australia NSW branch.

Mr Betts is also a member of the CEPU National Executive, CEPU Divisional Council Power Industry Committee and Deputy Chairman of the ACT Utilities and Light Manufacturing Industry Training Board.



In addition, Mr Betts is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Graduate of the Mount Elizabeth Business School.

Photo: Mr Neville Betts, appointed to the Board of the Training Fund Authority.

Record number of funded training places

The Training Fund Authority provided funding for a record number of training places in the 2008-09 financial year under its **Existing Worker and Professional Development Training** program.

Despite the effect of the global financial crisis and a slow down in building activity, **12,776** workers attended accredited training funded by the Training Fund Authority. This figure is an increase of 2,565 or 20% over the previous financial year.

The following table outlines the sectors and number of training places funded by the Training Fund Authority in financial year 2008-09.

sector	number of training places
OH&S	10,116
General Construction	1,008
Finance, Business & Management	1,003
Electrotechnology	649



New Specialty Training Provider

Safenet Compliance & Training is a specialty provider of OH&S training and consultancy services.

The staff at Safenet are well known in their respective fields of expertise, both locally and nationally and hold over 25 years of practical experience in OH&S and related training.

- **Michael Mills** is considered to be an expert in working in and managing confined space environments, having extensive experience training personnel in mining, manufacturing utilities and construction industry.
- **Steven Hart** previously held the position of OH&S Commissioner of ACT Workcover, has been a member of the OH&S council and a member of national OH&S forums.

Safenet currently provides services to a range of organisations both locally and interstate, these include:

- Jemena
- Energy Australia
- MBA ACT
- PBS Property Group
- Australian Federal Police
- Royal Australian Mint
- National Library of Australia
- Snowy Hydro

Services provided include:

- Confined Space
- Working at Heights
- Noise Management
- Systems Auditing
- Incident Investigation & Management
- OH&S Systems Development
- Sales & Service Specialty Safety Equipment

Safenet training is undertaken at a purpose-built confined space and working at heights facility to ensure course participants receive quality practical experience in conjunction with the theoretical elements of training.

Successful completion of Safenet training courses see participants issued with a nationally recognised certificate issued by Safenet's training partner the Master Builders Group Training (ACT). Safenet can develop in-house specific training courses designed to meet clients particular training requirements

Safenet can supply, service and inspect all fall arrest and confined spaces equipment.

For further information contact ☎ 02 6161 9098 or visit their website at www.safenet.com.au



Construction Induction Card - Frequently Asked Questions

From 1 October 2009 all persons on a construction site must complete OHS induction training **before** they are present on a construction site. The legislation includes offences for persons on a construction site without this training and for a person who allows the person on the site without the training.

The purpose of this new requirement is to provide persons working in the construction industry with a basic knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety legislative requirements, the principles of risk management and the prevention of injury and illness in the construction industry.

A construction site is defined as a workplace where construction is carried out. A full definition of what construction work is covered by this new requirement is available in the regulations and in guidance material at www.ors.act.gov.au

1. Who needs a construction induction card?

A person who is on a construction site must have a construction induction card. If a person already holds a construction induction card issued in another State or Territory, there is no need to undergo further training, nor is there a need to transfer the card to an ACT card.

If you have undertaken the training and hold a statement of attainment for the construction induction training issued by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) you can still work on a construction site, while the Office of Regulatory Services is processing your application.

2. Exceptions to the requirement

A construction induction card is not required for:

- visitors who infrequently visit construction sites, and who are accompanied by a person who holds a construction induction card; and
- a person temporarily at a construction site to deliver plant, supplies, materials where the delivery person is directed to an unloading point to await directions on the unloading process, and at all times remains in the vicinity of the delivery vehicle.
- site clerks and other administrative staff may be excluded provided they have clear limitations on the movements and duties so that they do not enter the general construction zone.

3. Where can I obtain a copy of the application form?

Application forms can be accessed via www.ors.act.gov.au or may be obtained from some RTOs.

4. How to apply for a Construction Induction Card?

An application for a Construction Induction Card can be made to the Office of Regulatory Services on the approved form and by paying a fee. The application must be accompanied by a statement of attainment for construction induction card training issued by a RTO that is less than 60 days old. Identification must also be shown before a card can be issued. Some RTOs may apply on your behalf.

5. Where do I need to go to apply for a new or replacement card?

Applications can be made in person at the Office of Regulatory Services at 255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick or can be mailed to: **Office of Regulatory Services at GPO Box 158, Canberra ACT 2601.**

6. How long will it take to be provided with a card?

The Office of Regulatory Services will endeavour to produce a card and send it to you within 7 days of receiving a full application through the mail or via the RTO.

7. How long will it take to be provided a replacement card if I lose it?

The Office of Regulatory Services will endeavour to produce a card and send it to you within 7 days of receiving a full application through the mail. However, if you attend the office at **255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick**, the card can be replaced over the counter by completing an application form, producing appropriate identification and making a payment.

Electrician wins two major ACT awards

Congratulations to Geoffrey Hepburn for winning the ACT Apprentice of the Year Award at the **2009 ACT Training Excellence Awards** and the **2009 NECA ACT Apprentice Awards** in the category of commercial / domestic.

Geoffrey will represent the ACT at the 2009 Australian Training Awards to be held in Canberra on 19 November.

Following are the results for the 2009 NECA ACT Apprentice Awards:

Commercial / Domestic

Place	Name	Employer
1st	Geoffrey Hepburn	Network Electrical
2nd	Robert Cruikshank	Electro Group Training
3rd	Mick Rose	Network Electrical

Industrial

1st	Giuseppe Zappulla	Control & Electric
2nd	Brett Rutten	Control & Electric
3rd	Peter Egan	Control & Electric

Communications

1st	Sam Zutt	Canberra Connections
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