

**TRAINING ACCREDITATION COUNCIL
SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITIES
As at 31 December 2008**

The Training Accreditation Council (TAC) is the registering and course accrediting body for vocational education and training (VET) in Western Australia. Below is a snapshot of TAC functions during the July – December 2008 period which provides vital statistics and highlights of the Council's activities.

Registration of Training Organisations

RTOs	Increase > Decrease <		Jul-Dec 08	Jan-Jun 08	Jul-Dec 07
	> 23	5%			
Western Australian RTOs	> 23	5%	479	456	443
Interstate RTOs delivering in WA	>78	8%	1,064	986	951
Total number of RTOs delivering in WA	> 101	7%	1,543	1,442	1,394
WA RTOs delivering overseas	> 2	4%	48	46	43
WA RTOs deregistered	> 1	-	1	0	0
Expired RTOs	< 1	-	3	4	6
RTOs voluntarily relinquished	> 2	-	5	3	13
RTOs approved as Trade Skills Recognition Agents	< 5	-	0	5	0

Highlights

- Increase of 23 (or 5%) WA RTOs registered with the Council for the six month period ending December 2008. As at 31 December 2008 a total of 479 RTOs were registered in WA.
- Increase of approximately 8% (or 78) of interstate RTOs delivering in WA for the period July to December 2008. As at 31 December 2008 a total of 1,064 interstate RTOs were registered to deliver in WA (Note: these figures represent intent and do not reflect actual delivery by interstate RTOs).
- Of the 479 WA RTOs, 95 are located in Regional areas.
- A total of 5 WA RTOs are now approved as a Trade Skills Recognition Agent.
- During the July – December period, 78 trade certificates were issued which is a decrease from 103 in the January – June 2008 period.

Accreditation of Courses

Accreditations	Increase > Decrease <		Jul-Dec 08	Jan-Jun 08	Jul-Dec 07
	> 55	167%			
Expired courses	> 55	167%	88	33	38
Total number of accredited courses	> 4	1%	393	389	403

Highlights

- As at 31 December 2008, a total of 393 courses were accredited in WA
- Of the 88 courses that expired during the July – December 2009 period, 6 were replaced by training package qualifications and 43 were re-accredited.

Audit Activity

Audits	Increase > Decrease <		Jul-Dec 08	Jan-Jun 08	Jul-Dec 07
	>	<			
Client initiated audits	> 48	49%	146	98	116
TAC initiated audits	< 2	-5%	38	40	63
Accreditation reviews	> 21	100%	42	21	20

Highlights

- The number of client initiated (includes initial registration, renewal of registration and amendments to registration) audits increased by 49% during the July to December 2008 period.
- 48 of the 146 were initial registrations which will require a post initial audit within 12 months of registration.

Applications considered by the Training Accreditation Council

Applications	Increase > Decrease <		Jul-Dec 08	Jan-Jun 08	Jul-Dec 07
	>	<			
Initial registration	> 5	15%	38	33	21
Renewal of registration	> 4	10%	45	41	33
Amendment to registration	> 58	16%	412	354	281
Courses accredited	> 9	250%	15	6	29
Courses re-accredited	> 23	115%	43	20	12

Highlights

- The number of applications considered by the Council during this period remained relatively consistent with increase of between 10 – 15% experienced for initial and renewal of registration applications.
- Accreditation reviews undertaken during this period increased by 100% (from 21 to 42), while courses accredited and re-accredited by the Council increased from 6 to 15 (or 150% and from 20 to 42 (or 115% respectively).

Client Feedback

- 91% of respondents to the client survey sent to RTOs following an audit indicated that the audit process added value to their business
- 89% of respondents indicated the pre-audit information provided by the registering body met their needs.

Client Support

Workshops/Information Sessions	Increase > Decrease <		Jul-Dec 08	Jan-Jun 08	Jul-Dec 07
	>	<			
Information sessions for potential RTOs	>10	25%	50	40	40

- The TAC Secretariat provided 50 individually focused sessions during the July - December 2008 period. Each information session focuses on the requirements to become an RTO and industry requirements.