



The National Health Training Package – ‘The Australian Way’

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Introduction

- n National reviews
- n Sterilising Technology
- n Certificate III & Certificate IV
- n 2012 – Commonwealth of Australia
- n Vocational Education Training reforms
- n To streamline Health Training Package



Objectives

- n Aims of the project
- n Materials and Methods
- n Local issues explored
- n Comparisons and differences
- n Results



Background

- n Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council –
- n National Industry Skills Council
- n Developed a Training Package Advisory Committee
- n Terms of Reference for an Industry Reference Group [IRG]



Industry Reference Group

- n Invited a nomination
- n Federation Sterilisation Research Advisory Council of Australia [FSRACA]
- n Elinor Radke nominated
- n Terms of Reference to include Key Responsibilities
- n Identify Subject Matter Expert Groups [SMEG]

Material - Methods

- n Subject Matter Expert Groups [SMEG]
- n Membership nationwide
- n FSRACA Committee
- n Current Registered Training Organisation [RTO] teachers for the Sterilising Technology Course.

SMEG – Key Responsibilities

- n Provide specific advice and technical expertise for -
- n Qualification,
- n Competency standards,
- n Assessment requirements,
- n Review draft materials,
- n Access to relevant people & organisations,
- n Meeting attendance is self funded.

Meeting AGENDA – 16 August, 2012

- n Overview of streamlining project
- n Industry Issues –
 - | Changes in technology, processes and standards,
 - | Job role review,
 - | Initial comment on draft by Skills Council.



Public Comments

n **Certificate III** –

- n Disinfect Medical Devices,
- n Safe Manual Handling,
- n Remove hot air oven, flash paks & flash sterilisation from assessment requirements,

- ## n **Certificate IV**- Include audit tools,
- n Element criteria to ‘assist’ rather than to ‘develop’,
 - n Promotional qualification.

Changes to 1st draft – CORE Units

FOUR Core Units maintained –

- n Clean Reusable Medical Equipment,
- n Inspect and Pack Items,
- n Sterilise Loads,
- n Manage Sterile Stock.



Elective Choices



- n Business technology
- n Manual Handling
- n Maintain a sterile field
- n Service to customers



Disinfect Medical Items

- n Current content –
- n Manual Chemical Disinfection
- n Thermal Disinfection
- n Automated High Level Chemical Disinfection

To become an ELECTIVE –

- n Thermal Disinfection covered in Clean RMD,
- n Practical assessment,
- n Include more information of structure of endoscopes,
- n Enable assessment,
- n Flexible to contentualise target audience.

Care for Surgical Instruments

- n Elements already covered in Cleaning & Inspect & Pack Units,
- n Further discussion and investigations.





General changes to all Units

- n Language from ISO Standards,
- n RMD's,
- n Replace brand names,
- n Practical assessment can be achieved across different settings.

Certificate IV Sterilisation Technology

- n Escan 2010 / 2011, [Community Industry Skills Council],
- n Since 2012 – South Australia & Victoria have offered courses.





Over arching by Skills Council

- n No pre-requisites required for CIII-ST to CIV-ST,
- n SMEG – advocated CIV-ST as a promotional Certificate,
- n In the workplace, the Team Leader's role would not be selected without competency from the CIII-ST.



Drilling down → Registered Training Organisations [RTO]

STATE	# RTO'S
Queensland	2
New South Wales	4
Victoria	3
South Australia	2
Western Australia	2

Australian States – Comparisons & Differences

- n Student enrolment from the workplace?
- n English as the 2nd language?
- n Qualification linked to Industrial Award?
- n Qualification mandatory in the workplace?
Course offered to HCF's only?



RESULTS Nationwide

- n **Environmental ESCAN 2013 – based on enrolments**

Health Services Assistant – Sterilisation Services

ENROLEMENTS

HLT31102 - Certificate III

HLT31107 - Certificate III

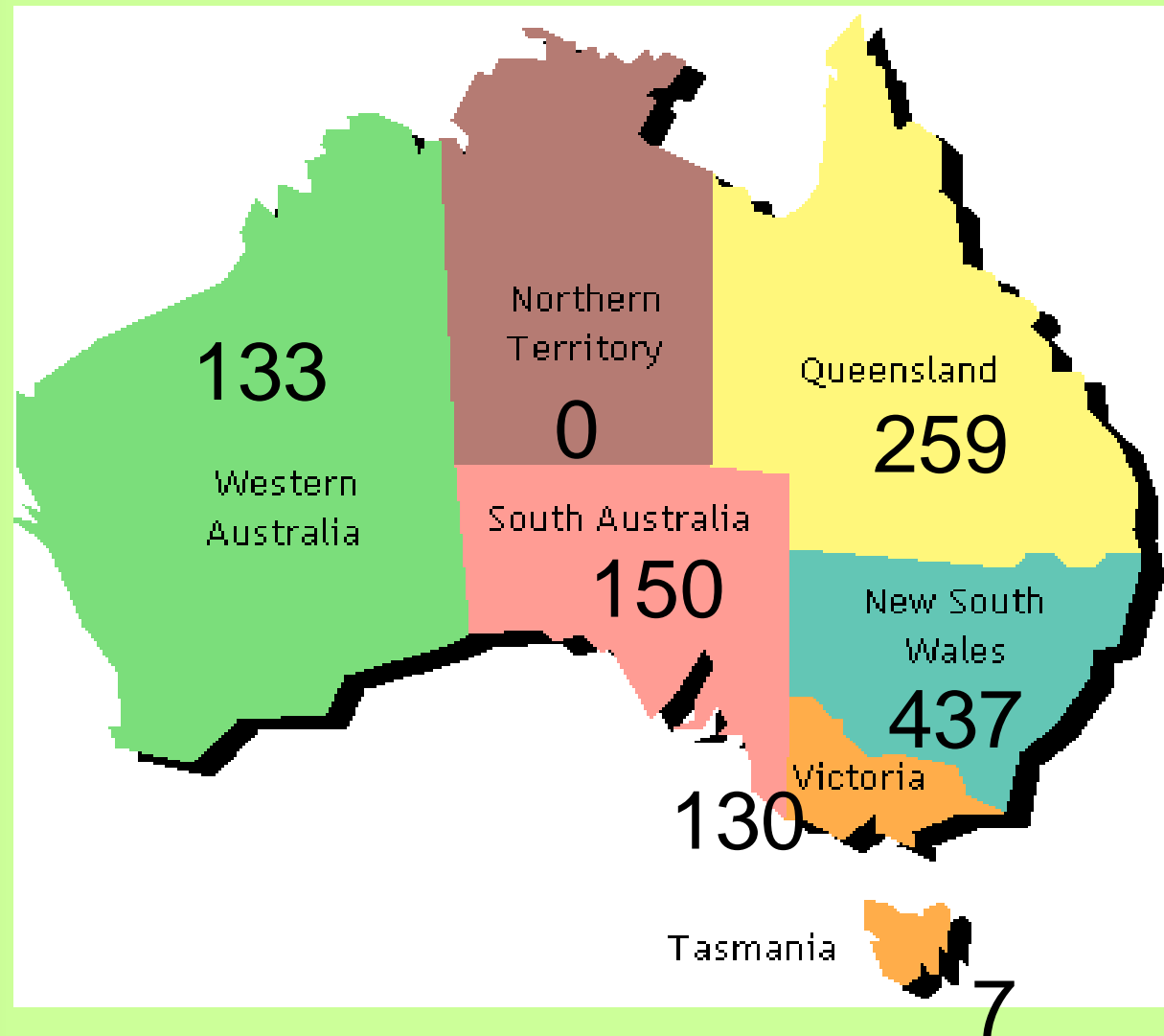
HLT3807 - Certificate IV

RESULTS Nationwide

ENROLEMENTS	HLT31102 Certificate III	HLT31107 Certificate III	HLT3807 Certificate IV
2009		686	
2010	5	869	1
2011	4	1116	



National Totals 2011 = 1116





In Summary

- n GOAL is to ensure-
- n Industry participation,
- n Units are current with technology changes,
- n Content relevant & flexible to workforce settings & be assessed realistically,
- n Qualification flexible for HCF & OBP, such as Day Surgeries & Oral Health.

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