



# Awarding the best skills training

The Institute of Trade Skills Excellence has developed The Star Rating Scheme; an initiative that helps employers and students determine the best Registered Training Organisation for their needs. Kathryn Lees explains.

Often we hear from employers that apprentices and trainees are not necessarily trained to the level required in their specific industry.

The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence has worked with industry to develop The Star Rating Scheme, an initiative that assists employers and students alike to determine the Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) within Australia that are delivering to industry needs. This means that employers can be confident they are recruiting from both private and government RTOs that are leaders in their particular course fields, while students and their parents know those RTOs will provide the best outcome for employment and career paths.

The Star Rating Scheme has been developed by the Institute and industry to help promote and recognize high performing RTOs within the trades sectors. Individual courses within RTOs are evaluated and then rated with a One, Two or Three Gold Star. The unique element of The Star Rating Scheme is that RTOs are rated by industry so employers and students can rest assured the ratings are relevant and focused. RTOs apply to be part of the evaluation process, with some having received several Star Ratings across a number of courses.

Within the building, plumbing, and electrical industry groups, there have been a total of 27 RTOs rated, with a total of 33 individual ratings – all Two and Three Gold Star Ratings.

We encourage you, whether you are

NSW	TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute 3 Gold Stars in General Construction	ACT	MBA Group Training, Canberra 2 Gold Stars in Carpentry & Bricklaying
	TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Wagga Wagga 2 Gold Stars in General Construction		SA
	TAFE NSW North Coast Institute, Kingscliff 3 Gold Stars in Carpentry	WA	
	TAFE NSW Western Sydney Institute, Quakers Hill 3 Gold Stars in Bricklaying, Blocklaying & Roof Tiling		Silver Trowel Trade Training, Cannington 3 Gold Stars in Building & Construction
	TAFE NSW Western Sydney Institute, Quakers Hill 3 Gold Stars in Carpentry & Joinery		Swan TAFE, Midland 3 Gold Stars in Building & Construction
	TAFE NSW Sydney Institute, Randwick 3 Gold Stars in Wall & Floor Tiling, Waterproofing	NT	Industries Services Training Pty Ltd, Winnellie 3 Gold Stars in General Construction
VIC	Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE, Yallourn 2 Gold Stars in General Construction		Industries Services Training Pty Ltd, Winnellie 3 Gold Stars in Civil Construction
	Gippsland Training Group, Morwell 3 Gold Stars in Carpentry	QLD	Construction Skills Training Centre, Salisbury 3 Gold Stars in General Construction
	Gordon Institute of TAFE, Geelong 3 Gold Stars in Carpentry, Joinery & Cabinetmaking		Australian Construction Training Services, Gold Coast 2 Gold Stars in Bricklaying & Carpentry

an employer, a student, a parent, or an educator to use the Star Rating Scheme when looking to employ apprentices and trainees, researching where to study, or when you're looking to add to the offerings and outcomes of your RTO.

The trades and skills arenas need skilled workers entering the workforce that deliver to industry needs. It needs informed employers, and it needs RTOs who are delivering to the requirements of industry. The Star Rating Scheme has

been developed by industry and the Institute to help address these needs.

The Star Rating Scheme will extend to other industry sectors outside of traditional trades and is well advanced in development with press announcements anticipated in the next few weeks. ■

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