

PREFACE

Background

The National Training Package for the Gas Sector of the Utilities Industry has been prepared by industry representatives from all States/Territories of Australia.

The endorsable components of the Package are comprised of the following of three parts:

- Part A - Competency Standards
- Part B - Assessment Guidelines
- Part C - Qualifications

The Package is to be used by all those involved in the delivery of Gas Industry competencies. This includes:

- State training and recognition authorities who will use the Package as (1) being the industry's advice to government and (2) the minimum requirements to be satisfied by potential and practising Registered Training Organisations in the delivery of services.
- State/Territory Industry Training bodies who will use the Package to underpin their relationship with and support of the State training and recognition authorities quality systems.
- Registered Training Organisations who will issue qualifications based on the requirements outlined in the Training Package.
- Individual candidates/trainees who will use the provisions of the Package to establish their responsibilities and to protect their prerogatives.

Responsibility for systems maintenance

The National Training Package for the Gas Industry is to be managed and maintained by the National Gas Industry Training Taskforce (NGITT).

The NGITT is a standing working group of the National Utilities and Electrotechnology Industry Training Advisory Body. The Taskforce is to be representative of the Gas Industry throughout Australia and be bipartite. The detailed composition will be determined by the National Utilities and Electrotechnology ITAB and membership may be varied by that body.

The initial composition of the NGITT is included at Attachment 1 to this preface.

The charter of the NGITT is to monitor, review and maintain the National Gas Industry Training Package. This Charter encompasses the following responsibilities:

Maintenance of Competency Standards - to initiate and respond to the need to review, vary, delete and to add Units of Competency, as part of the Gas Industry's standards inventory.

Maintenance of Competency Delivery Processes - to monitor the effectiveness of the delivery of competency and so initiate and respond to issues which may impact on those processes.

Maintenance of Assessment Guidelines - to monitor the effectiveness of the Assessment Guidelines and Supporting Systems, to initiate and respond to issues which impact, or are likely to impact, on the quality of the assessment systems and to promote quality improvements throughout the system.

Maintenance of the Qualifications and Recognition Systems - to monitor the effectiveness of the application of the Qualification and Recognition Systems contained in the Training Package and to review/revise the system as required.

Effectiveness of the valuation of Units of Competency for the purpose of their inclusion in the qualifications framework.

The NGITT will meet at least twice annually to review and plan their management processes. The majority of the considerations by the Taskforce will require prompt response and therefore, business and decisions will normally be handled by electronic/mail means. Support for the NGITT will be provided by the National Utilities and Electrotechnology ITAB, who will act as secretariat.

Attachment 1

Current Membership of the National Gas Industry Training Taskforce

Name	Organisation
George Harris (Chair)	Allgas
Joe Calabrese	AGL
David Izatt	Boral
Jarkko Soinenen	SA Gas Co
Lea Towler	ALINTA GAS
Alan Coulson	Elgas (ALPGA)
Ian Cole	AWU
Colin O'Malley	TWU