

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Ten training organisations recognised for teaching excellence**

While University students have always had reliable advice on what courses are reputable in the eyes of employers, those wishing to undertake vocational study have had little guidance.

The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence (The Institute) have this year established the Star Rating Scheme to give students, their parents and future employers the comfort to know that the registered training organisation they are enrolling in offers quality training that is industry recognised.

Since the program was launched in October high performing Registered Training Organisations have been recognised with either a One Gold Star, Two Gold Star or Three Gold Star rating, with Three Gold Stars being the highest level of recognition possible for vocational training.

Today ten registered training organisations were presented with plaques recognising their high quality in vocational teaching.

The Star Rating Scheme focuses on the following eight areas of skill shortage, who also make up the Institute's Industry Board.

- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Electrical
- Hospitality and Personal Services
- Manufacturing
- Metals and Engineering
- Mineral Resources
- Rural and Farming

Brian Wexham, Chief Executive Officer of The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence said that the scheme gives students the confidence to know they are making the right choice.

“The Star Rating Scheme is an industry driven initiative and has been developed by The Institute and industry to provide a platform that will deliver the vocational training outcomes required to meet their needs,”

“The Scheme aims to recognise high performing registered training providers and help individual schools and faculties understand exactly what their clients want from their training.”

“It is a national initiative that helps promote and advance the quality and relevance of vocational and technical training for the trades in Australia,”

“The Scheme will also make it easier for students and their parents to ascertain which registered training providers have been recognised at an industry level, within their field of interest” said Mr Wexham.

The ten Registered Training Organisations to be recognised with a Star Rating are:

<b>Registered Training Organisations</b>	<b>Star Ratings</b>
Box Hill Institute of TAFE	1
Australian Drilling Industry Training Committee Ltd (ADITC)	2
Caterpillar Institute Pty Ltd	3
The Biba Academy of Hairdressing	3
Pivot Point International Academy Melbourne	3
The Gordon Institute of TAFE School of hairdressing	3
William Angliss Institute of TAFE	2
Victoria University	3
Sydney TAFE Ultimo	2
North Coast Institute of TAFE NSW	2

The details of all the Registered Training Organisations that have received Star Ratings can be found on The Institutes website @ [www.itse.com.au](http://www.itse.com.au)

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**Background - The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence (The Institute):**

The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence promotes and advances learning, teaching and training in Australian trades education and elevates the status of traditional trades and trades education as a career choice. The Institute is an industry led, Federal Government funded group that promotes the advancement of learning, teaching and training in Australian trades education. The Institute is owned through its key stakeholders Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), the Australian Industry Group (AI Group) and the National Farmers Federation (NFF).