



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Electrotechnology Section at the Faculty of Industry & Natural Resources TAFE NSW – HUNTER INSTITUTE

The Electrotechnology Section at the Faculty of Industry & Natural Resources of TAFE NSW's Hunter Institute has been recognised by the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence as one of Australia's premier providers and awarded Three Gold Stars under its **Star Rating Scheme**.

A summary of Hunter Institute Electrotechnology Section's strengths against the evaluation criteria are:

Training and assessment which focuses on enterprise and learner needs

Hunter Institute is extremely flexible in deployment of training to meet the needs of learners, employers and industry. It provides the necessary resources to cater for training requirements within their market area. The RTO strives in a structured manner to integrate with industry networks to determine training needs and to consult on training. It has a specialised unit focused on building client relationships and provides 'blended' learning as requested by employers and learners.

Hunter Institute also offers a broad range of electrical industry short courses from which an employer can blend a customised training program to suit their specific business.

Excellent trainers and assessors, and contemporary equipment

Hunter Institute has high quality trainers who enjoy their work. One teacher recently received an Institute for Trades Skills Excellence award for teaching excellence. Trainers and assessors attend industry forums to promote training and understand industry needs.

The Institute is also appropriately resourced. It provides labs for specialist sectors as requested by industry including electronic (PC's), radio, soldering lab, and the electrical engineering stream. The development of a pole facility has been proposed for the energy industry. The Institute also has a 'mobile' training resource specifically for on-site training which is set up in a 'grab and go' response arrangement.

Support to enable enterprises and learners get the most out of the apprenticeship/ traineeship

The Hunter Institute's plans for improving are realistic, achievable and supported internally and externally. It benchmarks every aspect of training and acts on the results.

For more information about TAFE NSW Hunter Institute visit the RTO's website at
<http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au>

The **Institute for Trade Skills Excellence** is an initiative of Australian industry and Government established to promote the trades and recognise those registered training organisations (RTOs) truly focused on industry's needs and achieving excellent results.

How does it work? ... Under the **Star Rating Scheme**, individual faculties or schools within RTOs are evaluated by the Institute using industry experts and industry designed criteria. Those considered excellent are awarded one gold star, two gold stars or three gold stars by the Institute. The Institute issues a **Capability Statement** for each RTO which it publishes to explain the school or faculty's strengths and the level of service an employer can expect to receive.

Quite simply, where RTOs are doing great things, the Institute wants to ensure industry knows about it, and so an employer looking to select an RTO for their apprentice or trainee, can make an informed choice.