



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

AUTOMOTIVE (LIGHT VEHICLE) AT
TAFE NSW - SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE, PADSTOW COLLEGE

The Automotive faculty (Light Vehicle Section) at Padstow College of TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute has been recognised by the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence as one of Australia's premier providers and awarded three gold stars under the Institute's Star Rating Scheme.

Padstow College delivers apprenticeships and traineeships in Automotive Light Vehicle based on the nationally endorsed standards of the AUR05 Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair Training Package.

A summary of strengths against the evaluation criteria for TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute, Padstow College, Light Vehicle section are as follows:

Training and assessment which focuses on enterprise and learner needs

Padstow College provides an individual focus on client needs in the development of students' training plans. A customised client driven focus has been integrated into the automotive faculty's training department. Training can be delivered on or off the job in accordance with enterprises' needs. The AUR05 RS&R Training Package is appropriately implemented, offering user choice in the development of individualised automotive training programs. A personalised approach to training is taken by the teaching staff at Padstow College. Students applying for prior learning recognition meet with the section's teaching staff and are provided guidance with their application and collection of evidence.

Excellent trainers and assessors, and contemporary equipment

There is an ongoing commitment to the professional development of the teaching staff at Padstow to ensure up-to-date knowledge is maintained. The active engagement of the teaching staff with local enterprises and industry networks helps them keep abreast of current industry requirements and maintain an understanding of current workforce issues.

The Automotive section has a fully equipped, operational workshop that mirrors industry standards. Students have access to a fleet of vehicles from various manufacturers and specialised tools and equipment.

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

Students have access to a range of support services including one-on-one study assistance and support for special needs. A Diploma course in Automotive Technology and Diploma of Automotive Management is to be implemented in 2008. All course information is easily accessible through student handbooks. The Automotive section at Padstow is an active participant in WorldSkills events and Apprentice of the Year competitions.

Padstow College is to be commended for their active engagement with universities in negotiating pathways that provide articulation of high level TAFE courses into credits for university courses.

For more information about Padstow College of TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute visit the RTO's website at www.swsi.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.