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Diploma of Hydraulic Services

July 14th 2020 Update

TAFE (NSW) have provided the HCAA with an update on the progress of the Diploma of Hydraulic Services Design and the pre-requisite, the Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services (Hydraulic Stream).

The update is as follows:

TAFE (NSW) has been fielding many enquiries regarding these courses. The key part of this is that if you (as an interested party/student) have not already provided your interest/qualification information to Glenn Martyn at TAFE (NSW) and you wish to study either of these courses in 2020, you need to do so as a matter of urgency. If you have not done this, please contact either of the following:

- Glenn Martyn - glenn.martyn@tafensw.edu.au
- Rodney Ware - education@hcaa.org.au

It has been a long road to get where TAFE(NSW) are today with the re-launch of the Diploma in Hydraulics. TAFE (NSW) would like to thank all in the industry for your patience, and again thank all new students for all the information you have supplied to TAFE (NSW) so they can ascertain the correct journey for you to achieve the end goal of the Diploma in Hydraulic Services Design.

As TAFE (NSW)/HCAA have outlined previously, the avenues into the Diploma of Hydraulic Services Design require information about your past qualifications.

To maintain compliance with the National Training Package, the entry requirements for the Diploma are as follows:

- Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services (Hydraulic Stream).

Based on the feedback to date, TAFE (NSW) have found that many applicants who have studied the Certificate IV (Operations Stream) will not meet the entry criteria to the Diploma.

TAFE (NSW), to their credit, have worked very hard over the last few months to ensure the vast majority of applicants can get into the Diploma as soon as possible. In doing this, they are proposing to offer the Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services (Hydraulic Stream) and credit the common Operation Stream units. Then outstanding units to meet the qualification

of the Cert IV in the Hydraulic stream will then be delivered. This will include the following Units depending on what credits are issued:

- Prepare simple sketches and drawings.
- Apply codes and standards to building trade and services contracting.
- Produce 2-D architectural drawings using CAD software.

The intent is that the Certificate IV Plumbing and Services (Hydraulic Stream) will be run in Term 3 in 2020 and will likely consist of 1 night of study per week for the duration of approximately 10 weeks (to complete all 3 Units). This will likely be delivered through Microsoft Teams software so that all students can login to the Course regardless of their geographical location. Once this is completed, these students will be able to enrol directly into the Diploma of Plumbing Services Design in Term 4 of 2020.

For any student that wishes to enrol in the Diploma that has not yet completed the Certificate IV (Hydraulic Stream), you will be able to enrol into these courses in Term 3 of 2020. Again, if you haven't been in contact with Glenn Martyn please contact him if you wish to do so.

For students that have asked about Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), this is always offered by TAFE (NSW) and it will be treated/assessed on an individual basis.

We understand that there are numerous people around the country that wish to enrol directly into the Diploma, but these matters have to be considered in order to comply with education guidelines.

TAFE (NSW) and the HCAA wish to thank all prospective Hydraulic Consultants for their patience over the last few years while this course has been upgraded. We sincerely hope that the work that has been completed will mean that all future students will receive a better education and be able to enter the workforce with a better understanding of all aspects of the Hydraulic Services industry.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of the Diploma.

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