

Inquiry into WorkSafe

- *answers to questions on notice*
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Question 1

Provide the committee with information for each of the last five years, what notifications you have provided to WorkSafe in relation to concerns about RTOs.

Answer

- 5 February 2013 - TAC Secretariat staff advised WorkSafe of a Council decision regarding the registration status of an RTO, [REDACTED]. The registration of this RTO was cancelled.
- 13 May 2014 - TAC Secretariat staff advised WorkSafe about an RTO delivering high risk work units of competency not on their scope of registration.
- 7 September 2015 - TAC Secretariat staff met with WorkSafe to discuss a complaint lodged with TAC regarding an organisation purporting to be an RTO, [REDACTED].
- 12 February 2016 - TAC Secretariat staff advised WorkSafe about an organisation [REDACTED] who were offering nationally recognised training linked to high risk work, however the organisation was not an RTO.
- 25 May 2016 - TAC advised WorkSafe about the outcomes of TAC's Strategic Industry Audit (SIA) into units of competency leading to the issuance of High Risk Work Licences (HRWL) in Western Australia. WorkSafe were also represented on the Industry Reference Group that guided TAC in regard to the audit scope and focus areas. WorkSafe were provided with updates regarding the SIA on numerous occasions during Reference Group meetings (2 July 2015, 23 July 2015).
- Meetings occurred between TAC Secretariat staff and WorkSafe to progress SIA recommendations (17 July 2016, 15 August 2016, 7 September 2016, 27 September 2016, 30 January 2017).
- RTOs audited as part of the HRWL SIA during 2015:

- 16 November 2016 – Advised WorkSafe about the outcomes of a TAC audit strategy to review training and assessment practices for RTOs delivering units of competency linked to tilt up construction work. This strategy was endorsed by the Council following an incident in late 2015 involving fatalities linked to tilt up concrete panels.
- RTOs audited as part of the tilt up construction work audit strategy:

Question 2

In respect of an advanced ticket—advanced rigging, for example—is there any need to show competency on the two lower tickets, being beginner and intermediate, prior to doing a course for advanced rigging?

Answer

Yes. In the example of advanced rigging, the unit has a pre-requisite requirement. The pre-requisite requirement may be met by either the successful completion of the intermediate level unit or holding a valid licence for intermediate rigging.

Similarly, prior to enrolling in the intermediate level rigging unit, the pre-requisite basic level unit or a valid licence for basic rigging must be met first.

There is currently no requirement to have experience in the field between achieving the training certification. You can achieve the basic level, then intermediate, then advanced without any requirement for work experience between courses.