

Exam in support of Competency Unit: RABQSA-DW Management Systems for Drinking Water Quality

RABQSA International has developed a Drinking Water Quality Management System (QMS) Auditor Certification Scheme, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (Victoria) (DHS), the Victorian Water Industry Association and the Water Services Association of Australia. This scheme is national and will have applicability for drinking water audits around Australia.

Certification under this scheme is mandatory for auditors seeking approval to conduct a regulatory audit in Victoria, in accordance with the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003*. The use and audit of drinking water quality risk management plans will also be mandated by legislation in NSW and Queensland.

The scheme certification requirements are managed by RABQSA International. To be certified under this scheme, individuals must be able to demonstrate that they currently meet the following education and work experience requirements.

Education

Applicants must hold a degree or diploma recognised in Australia, in the fields of engineering, science or medicine.

Work Experience

Applicants must provide details of at least seven years full time work experience in at least two of the three following areas:

- Experience in the water industry, either employed directly in the water industry or being a consultant to the water industry (as an engineering, laboratory or environmental consultant).
- Experience in establishing, reviewing or running systems for quality management, environmental management, risk management or HACCP.
- Experience in undertaking audits of systems for quality management, environmental management, risk management or HACCP.

Certification Requirements

Applicants will be required to complete the four components to achieve auditor certification:

- Management Systems Auditing: RABQSA-AU
- Management Systems for Drinking Water Quality: RABQSA-DW
- Personal attributes (PAAS Master exam)
- Audit Observed by Skill Examiners

RABQSA International can provide information on training providers who offer training in Management Systems Auditing. The PAAS Master exam can be undertaken online through the RABQSA website.

Detailed information on the scheme can be found at the following address on the RABQSA web site: www.rabqsa.com/cb_wsa.html

Details for Drinking Water Quality Competency Module – Brisbane

The Management Systems for Drinking Water Quality competency module is being delivered by RMIT short course centre at a special sitting in **Brisbane** in August 2009. The module consists of sitting a 2.5-hour written exam of short answer questions (with 15 minutes reading time).

The exam is based on Chapters 2 and 3 of the "Australian Drinking Water Guidelines" (2004 edition), which can be brought into the exam room, and knowledge of drinking water quality risk management practices in Australia.

The exam delivered by RMIT is a stand alone module. Candidates who may not wish to complete the other components for auditor certification are also welcome to sit this exam.

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Date: Monday 3rd August 2009
Time: 10.15 am – 1.00 pm
Cost: \$130 per applicant (incl GST)
Location: Queen Adelaide Building, 59 Adelaide St, **Brisbane**
(please proceed to level 2)

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Audit Observed by Skill Examiners

Applicants must also be observed performing a drinking water quality management system audit in the presence of one of the scheme's skill examiners. This audit cannot be a DHS regulatory audit. The current skill examiners under the scheme are:

- Annette Davison, Water Futures, (02) 9880 2470
- Daniel Deere, Water Futures, (02) 9880 2470
- Dharma Dharmabalan, Coliban Water, 0419 765 881
- Nick O'Connor, Ecos Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd, (03) 9830 7740

This skill examination is not assessed by RMIT. Applicants should make arrangements directly with the skill examiners and water businesses.

Further Information

Further information is available in the May 2009 issue of "Water" published by the Australian Water Association.

Alternatively, please contact RABQSA International direct, on (02) 4728 4600, or via email to: info@rabqsa.com

For information about regulatory audits in Victoria, please contact DHS via email to: dwr@dhhs.vic.gov.au