

Changes to the Nationally Recognised Unit of Competency for Testing & Tagging of Portable Appliances.

There have been recent changes to the unit of competency that cover the testing & tagging of portable appliances in accordance with AS/NZS 3760:2010. The current unit of competency **UEENEEP008B *Conduct in-service safety testing of electrical cord connected equipment and cord assemblies***, has been superseded & will be replaced with a new qualification after 15th March 2013. The new unit **UEENEEP026A** is essentially exactly the same as the above unit however it now includes a pre-requisite unit - **UEENEEE101A *Apply Occupational Health and Safety regulations, codes and practices in the workplace.***

This all sounds very technical but essentially it means that anyone who wishes to gain a Nationally recognised qualification to test & tag must complete an additional unit covering basic OHS & the application of the latest regulations & codes of practice. All registered training organisations (RTO's) delivering the unit must deliver the new unit after 15th March.

It is important to note that anyone who has already gained the current unit is not required to upgrade & their current qualification will still be recognised. This change will only affect those completing the training after 15th March 2013.

There are various levels of training available that will meet the minimum requirements of AS/NZS 3760 & the current Codes of Practice across the different States & Territories. In order to ensure that you have taken every possible step to minimise your risk, we recommend that you seek the services of a RTO & ensure that your staff have the highest possible level of training.

Test & Tag Training offer the new qualification utilising interactive online training for the OHS component & a single day of face to face training for the test & tag component. The online component will take approx 2 to 4 hours to complete & is a valuable course for all employees regardless of the test & tag component. Test & Tag Training conduct courses weekly throughout all States & would be happy to discuss the changes & training options, for more information contact them on 1300 848 302.