

## **TO ALL REGISTERED TRAINING PROVIDERS AND TRAINERS, INVOLVED IN FIREARM AND BATON TRAINING.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are aware the certification of RTO's and trainers in providing an approved course that is certified by the Commissioner of Police, have had to overcome several legal obstacles. These matters have now been overcome by changes to the Security and Related Activities (control) Regulations. The amendments have now been passed and approved by Executive Council and it is proposed that the amendments will be published in the Government Gazette on Tuesday the 3rd of October. The reason for the delay in gazettal is to allow all training courses to be approved and all trainers to be approved. This will allow for a smooth transition. (Attached are amendments to the Security and Related Activities (control) Regulations

### **TRAINING COURSES**

Registered Training Providers will have to supply to the Officer in Charge of commercial Agents the complete course content documents for the course of fire. The documents are to be for original firearm endorsement and for a re-qualification.

### **TRAINERS**

Once the registered training providers have lodged their documents and the course is approved, the trainers conducting the actual training require to be assessed and given approval to deliver firearm training; this will be done in a two-stage process.

- 1. Each trainer is to address a set of six criteria in relation to the trainers experience and knowledge of firearm training. (MOST TRAINERS HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS STAGE AND GAINED INTERIM APPROVAL)**
- 2. The trainer will undergo an audit by a Police trainer covering the trainers underpinning knowledge, Range Safety, Firearm Safety and Practical Skill of delivering the Firearm course of Fire.**

Where the trainer is delivering only the course of fire content and **NOT** the four Certificate III in Security Operations (PRSS0303A, PRSS0305A, PRSS0310A and TDT0898B) for original firearm endorsements the trainer is to satisfy themselves that the student has a sound and competent knowledge of the use of force.

In the case of a re-qualification for a firearm endorsement, the trainer must be satisfied that the course participant is competent in the knowledge of the use of force, elements of firearm safety as well as satisfactorily completing the course of fire. The use of force and firearm safety is to be by a written examination or similar.

Once these amendments come into force on the on the proposed date of 3rd of October, only RTO's whose course has been approved and conducted by approved firearm trainers, will be recognized by the Licensing Officer.

To facilitate this the following guidelines will apply.

- 1. All persons who complete either a Re-qualification or Original Firearm Endorsement under the present system must lodge their respective application with Commercial Agents prior to the close of business on Thursday the 28th of September for the re-qualification or original endorsement to be recognized. All other applications received after that date and not completed by approved RTO's and trainers will not be accepted.**
- 2. Re-qualifications received before the 28th of September under the present system will be recognized as having completed their six monthly training.**

### **NEW RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

The training provider is to keep a record of all attendances, showing the competence of each attendee.

Within 7 days of conducting the training the training provider must provide the records to the licensing officer and to any agents that employ the security officer.

NOTE this recording provision is also required when baton training is undertaken.  
If you have any questions please contact Detective Senior Sergeant ROBERTSON or Senior Constables Mark WEIR or Bernie HUSH