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21 JUL 2005
BY MIA

Hi Paola,

I refer to the above submission and wish to add the following additional information for your kind consideration:

This refers to course information session held in Melbourne on 15 July 2005.

A surprise announcement at this information session was made by **Pivot Point Hair Design College of 382 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne** that people from Canberra (referring to officials from Trades Recognition Australia) visited their campus recently and approved that students undertaking hairdressing courses at this institution will be exempted from the 900 hours work experience requirement.

If this information is correct then it makes a mockery of **TRA's Uniform Assessment Criteria (UAC)**.

In my opinion all assessment by TRA should be conducted on same level playing field without giving favourable treatment to some colleges and trades only.

If this trend is allowed to continue then soon our streets will be full of unemployable hairdressers willing to take any jobs.

My observations show that currently many "so called" qualified hairdressers cannot find jobs appropriate to their qualifications in the industry and some who are fortunate enough to find jobs as hairdressers are paid as low as \$5.00 per hour.

I believe that this is gross exploitation of tradespeople and insult to Australian qualification.

To prevent this growing problem I believe the best way would be to impose a mandatory work experience payable at a minimum award rate.

This action will make RTO's more responsible and accountable to maintain the quality of their qualifications.

This will mean that if the qualification is of the right quality then the qualified hairdressers will be employable in their respective industry.

It is a sad situation that many hairdressers presently can not find jobs in their industry. For this reason the occupation hairdressers should be removed from the MODL List.

If this situation is not addressed and allowed to continue then soon qualified hairdressers will be pruning trees in regional Australia.

Regards,