

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Ludwig asked:

List businesses that have been accredited, and when did they receive accreditation? For each business also provide:

- a. The Regional Certifying Body that approved the accreditation.
- b. The industry that the business best represent.
- c. The number of employees employed by the business.
- d. Where the business is located.”

Answer:

There is no ‘accreditation’ process in the Trade Skills Training visa. However, given the context of the above question(s) it appears that the Senator is referring to the sponsorship application process and on that basis the following answer is framed. As at 30 June 2006 the following sponsors have been approved.

Sponsor (Business)	Date approved	Industry	Location
Golden West Group Training Scheme	21.12.2005	Various	Roma, Qld
Marx Capital Pty Ltd	23.03.2006	Building	Toowoomba, Qld
Northern Territory Training Institution P/L	21.04.2006	Various -mainly hospitality	Darwin, NT
Supreme Paintworks	19.05.2006	Manufacturing	Townsville, Qld
RR & EM Pickles & Sons P/L	22.05.2006	Agriculture	Mitiamo, Vic
Victorian Group Training Co Ltd	24.05.2006	Various	Belmont, Vic
Quality Steel Fabrications & Engineering P/L	06.06.2006	Manufacturing	Townsville, Qld
Echuca Nominees T/A Hutton and Northey Sales	06.06.2006	Automotive	Merredin, WA
Victorian Property Trust, T/A Cumberland Lorne Resort	13.06.2006	Hospitality	Lorne, Vic
Pilbara Constructions Pty Ltd	28.06.2006	Building	South Hedland, WA

Regional Certifying Bodies (RCBs) do not play any role in the sponsorship application process. The Department makes decisions on sponsorship applications after consulting with State/Territory training authorities. RCBs have a role in certifying apprenticeship vacancies at the visa application stage.

The Department does not presently have on record the total number of employees for each approved sponsor as this is not a relevant consideration when assessing a sponsorship.