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MEDIA RELEASE

Technician safety comes first with new RAC training package

The updated UEE Electrotechnology Training Package – which includes many refrigeration and air conditioning (RAC) qualifications - has been endorsed by the Skills Ministers providing apprentices and technicians with a modern, practical and safety-first training experience.

Key components of the updated package relate to changes to *UEE32220 Certificate III in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration* to ensure it includes the latest refrigerants, technologies, Standards, Codes, and work health and safety requirements.

Other changes include the development of a new unit of competency for refrigerant recovery from end of life stationary RAC equipment and the addition of the safe handling of A2/A2L refrigerants unit. This was developed by the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) and, together with the existing hydrocarbon refrigerant unit, will form the flammable refrigerant unit of competency.

Over the past four years, the Industry Reference Committee's (IRC) RAC Technical Advisory Committee, made up of representatives from various industry stakeholder groups, has worked together to provide input and advice to the Australian Industry Standards organisation on these changes and updates. This Training Package contained over 80 qualifications and 600 units of competency.

ARC's Technical & Training Manager, Mr. Noel Munkman, sits as RAC technical expert on the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) Electrotechnology IRC, together with past ARC Chair Kevin O'Shea AM.

The UEE Electrotechnology Training Package (release two) was endorsed (approved) by the AISC on 12th August 2020, signed off by the Skills Ministers on 2nd October 2020 and published on the national register at <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/UEE> on the 5th October 2020.

Normally, registered training organisations must transition to new Training Packages within 12 months of a revised package's publication on the national register. However, in this case the AISC supported an extended transition timeframe of two years.

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