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ARC Addresses Misconceptions in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry

Recent reports have highlighted a shortage of skilled refrigeration and air conditioning technicians in Australia, raising concerns within the industry. The Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) is actively addressing these challenges, promoting growth and sustainability in this vital sector, crucial to Australia's economy and infrastructure.

According to the latest 2025 data from ARC, the RAC sector employs over 43,000 skilled technicians and more than 8,700 trainees in the pipeline, making it one of the largest and highest-paid in the trade sector with median weekly earnings of approximately AU\$2,019. This data provides a clear picture of the industry's trajectory, which would be difficult to ascertain without the latest information.

Currently, there are over 62 million units of vapour compression-driven equipment in Australia, a 15% increase since 2016. RAC systems account for up to 24% of Australia's electricity consumption, underscoring their essential role across households, businesses, and transport sectors. Additionally, industry efforts have led to a 10% reduction in climate emissions from RAC equipment since 2016.

To address the skills shortage, ARC is helping the RAC sector in expanding training opportunities. It also provides resources to help businesses attract and retain skilled technicians and advocates for policies that promote workforce development and support industry growth.

Looking ahead, as the demand for energy-efficient and sustainable practices continues to rise, ARC is well-equipped with robust data, resources, and training initiatives to lead the industry. The goal is to ensure that the RAC sector is well-prepared to meet both current and future market demands.

As the principal authority for licensing and regulatory compliance in the RAC sector, ARC upholds high standards of safety, environmental protection, and professionalism. Its efforts support workforce development and compliance, helping businesses and technicians thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

For more information on licensing requirements, industry updates, and ARC initiatives, visit www.arctick.org.

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