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## Stewardship award for ARCTick compliance

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) have introduced a new award to recognise ARCTick licensed businesses that are compliant at first audit.

The Environmental Stewardship Excellence Award has been created for Refrigerant Trading Authorisation (RTA) holders whose businesses are found to be fully compliant when audited by ARC field officers.

ARC Chief Executive Officer Glenn Evans said the award recognised outstanding commitment to environmental stewardship through achieving 100% regulatory compliance with their RTA requirements.

‘When field officers conduct a permit condition check – commonly known as an audit – many RTAs are fully compliant, but not all, and this award recognises those who are,’ he said.

‘Field officers check equipment, staffing and paperwork, and not everyone is fully compliant at first, although almost all are after receiving follow-up support by the field officers.

‘It takes diligent effort to consistently meet all regulatory requirements, and those who do so are truly hands-on environmental heroes.’

RTAs who are fully compliant at first audit will receive a digital certificate from DCCEEW and ARC to demonstrate their environmental credentials to customers and clients in a society that is increasingly concerned with protecting the environment.

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