



CHANGES TO AIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Diploma in Packaging Technology and Certificate in Packaging programs operated by the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and sourced from the U.K. Government Accredited Packaging Industry Awarding Body Company (PIABC) have undergone a major review and upgrading.

These changes will open up more opportunities for graduates of these courses and in particular for international companies who transfer staff overseas. The new credentials will hold a greater currency internationally and in particular within Europe.

Under a major restructure by the Sector Skills Council (Cogent SSC Ltd) the programs have been aligned with new standards for Certificate and Diploma level courses under the Qualification Curriculum Framework. The new programs will align in due course with Certificate and Diploma level programs offered throughout Europe as part of a European move to uniform standards for defined course levels.

CORE DIFFERENCES

All qualifications under the Qualification Curriculum Framework (QCF) will have a standard structure viz:

- Title reflecting the size and level of the Award
- Learning outcomes
- Assessment criteria
- Aim
- Content
- Assessment

DIPLOMA IN PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY

The principal changes are :

- New course structure and content
- Upgrading of course material
- Replacement of dissertation with Packaging related Research Project

CERTIFICATE IN PACKAGING

The principal changes are :

- The course content has been reordered to meet the new QCF requirements
- The current core unit (The fundamental principles of packaging) MAY be offered as a separate award

Enrolments will continue in the existing courses until the end of the year and examinations offered until December 2013.

The new courses will become effective on January 1st 2011.