INTRODUCTION TO CERTIFICATE IN PACKAGING

* = 25 CPP PTS
The Certificate in Packaging is an internationally recognised qualification that is designed to meet the training needs of a wide variety of people involved in packaging. This course is ideally suited to the new entrant who wants the best possible preparation for a career in the industry, to design, production, management, sales and marketing or purchasing staff who need to deepen their understanding of this vital and complex discipline.

The course is presented in a distance learning format for Australia and is comprised of a manual and text book. The initial mandatory unit is made up of a series of assignments over a ten week period that prepares students for the two hour examination. Successful students then proceed to select three units from a list of options that are presented on-line and supported by a tutor. The successful completion of the compulsory unit and the three additional units qualifies for the award of the Certificate in Packaging.

We recommend that it will take a student three years to complete the Certificate course. The student is required to be a member of the AIP while studying the Certificate course. The course fee covers three years of membership of the AIP. After 3 years membership will be at the expense of the student. It is a requirement that students be members of the AIP in order to graduate.

MANDATORY UNIT
This consists of five parts:

1. UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF PACKAGING
   The assessment criteria requires you to:
   1. Explain the role of packaging in terms of its functions.
   2. Assess these functions relative to the different stages of the supply chain.
   3. Summarise the role of packaging in mitigating the effects of hazards faced by packed products in the supply chain.

2. UNDERSTAND THE MAJOR PACKAGING MATERIALS AND HOW THEY ARE COMBINED TO FORM PACKAGING COMPONENTS
   The assessment criteria requires you to:
   1. Describe the performance characteristics of a major packaging material.
   2. Explain how materials and components are combined to make up total packaging solutions.

3. UNDERSTAND THE PACKAGING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES
   The assessment criteria requires you to:
   1. Describe the factors which must be considered when developing packaging for new and existing products.
   2. For a given product, explain the process of packaging development, from concept to product launch and explain the importance of each step.
   3. Describe the roles of different disciplines in the packaging development process.

4. UNDERSTAND PACKAGING COSTS AND QUALITY SYSTEMS
   The assessment criteria require you to:
   1. Describe the factors affecting costs throughout the supply chain.
   2. Explain the relationship between quality and cost.

5. UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PACKAGING AND THE ENVIRONMENT
   1. Describe the positive and negative aspects of packaging in relation to the environment
   2. Identify the tools and techniques available to assess the impact of packaging on the environment.
I was awarded the Scholarship for the Certificate in Packaging by the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP). As a graphic design student the opportunities of the Certificate in Packaging allowed me to expand on my knowledge of packaging in specific areas of interest.

Design students who have a key interest packaging often do not possess fundamental knowledge of pack structure or packaging materials. The Certificate in Packaging provides students with the chance to broaden their interests in new areas of packaging. Currently I am using my Certificate in Packaging along with my degree in graphic design to seek employment in the packaging industry where I hope to liaise graphic design with pack function.

Andrew U’Ren
Winner of the Certificate in Packaging Scholarship
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PRICING:

OPTION 1: SINGLE PAYMENT
$7,000 +GST – Paid at time of enrolment.

OPTION 2: SPLIT PAYMENT

UNIT A
$4,500 +GST – Paid at time of enrolment.

UNIT B
$2,900 +GST – Paid prior to commencement of unit B.

NB: a re-registration fee will be required if the Diploma and Certificate are not completed within a 3 year time frame.

*3 Years of complimentary AIP membership are included in your enrolment to the Certificate/Diploma course. If you have not completed your course within 3 years you will be sent a membership renewal invoice and will be required to maintain your AIP membership to complete the course.

Please return both the AIP Membership and Diploma Course enrolment forms to:
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