

# International Skills Training Courses

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## Delivering Training and Assessment Courses in Sri Lanka with:



<b>WHEN:</b>	March-June 2017
<b>WHERE:</b>	Colombo, Sri Lanka
<b>WHO:</b>	Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
<b>LEARNERS:</b>	23
<b>COURSES:</b>	VET Trainer, TVET Assessor
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING:</b>	Australian aid project

The International Skills Training (IST) courses have been designed as products that provide learners with internationally recognised core competencies in training and assessment, as well as an Australian approach to quality training.

The focus of this project was improving the overall quality of training at the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM). To achieve this, SLITHM partnered with Melbourne Polytechnic to upskill their trainers, with a focus on delivering competency-based training. The project was funded under the Australia Awards South and West Asia Short Course Awards.

For many of the learners, it was the first time they had received formal training in how to be a trainer.

Melbourne Polytechnic found the IST courses were the most suitable for this offshore project, as they offered flexibility in meeting the client's needs and context, and did not present a high cost barrier.

The learners undertook the TVET Trainer and TVET Assessor courses and two units from the nationally accredited hospitality training package over an intensive five week period.

The learners developed return to work plans to embed their learnings back into SLITHM. They all reported that after completing the courses they were much more confident in delivering competency-based training to their students.

The learners' achievements were recognised by Sri Lanka's Minister for Tourism Development, Christian Religious Affairs and Lands, Mr John Amaratunga. Mr Amaratunga presented them with completion certificates at a reception at the Australian High Commission.



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Melbourne Polytechnic engaged experienced VET trainers to prepare and design IST course delivery to ensure quality standards were maintained.

A feature of the IST Courses program is that trainers who have successfully completed the IST Advanced TVET Trainer and Assessor Course are able to deliver the IST TVET Trainer and TVET Assessor courses locally.

This option gives Australian RTOs licensed to deliver IST courses the flexibility to engage quality international trainers offshore and increase the sustainability of their offshore operations.

## What are the International Skills Training courses?

There is a growing global demand for skills training that is internationally applicable as countries seek to improve their technical vocational education and training systems (TVET) – industry demands increasing numbers of skilled workers, and workers seek quality, recognised training.

The International Skills Training courses have been developed by Australian industry, facilitated by the Australian Government, to help support the global demand for quality training and assessment skills.

### Courses currently on offer:

- TVET Trainer
- TVET Assessor
- Advanced TVET Trainer and Assessor.

The international training and assessment courses are designed to assist in building the capacity of trainers and assessors; a key foundation of any successful training system.

These are non-accredited courses that aim to address critical competency gaps, address skills needs in the global workforce, and provide Australian registered training organisations (RTOs) with additional, flexible products to support overseas stakeholders to meet their diverse skills needs.

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