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The National Outdoor Leaders Registration Scheme (NOLRS): Update Notice

Dear All

The Board of the Outdoor Council of Australia met in a face to face meeting in Brisbane from 21 – 23 January. This meeting had a strong focus on the NOLRS as the Board continue to identify your concerns and pathways for moving forward to refine the administration of the system. Based on the information that we have now been able to access, a number of key decisions were made that will be of interest to you:

1. The validity of all current registrants will be recognised now and into the future.
2. Units of Competence and Skill Sets from the new Training Package (due for full release by April 2011) will form the basis for the refined NOLRS registration levels. This is in keeping with the original, and unchanged, intent of the NOLRS.
3. The Board of the OCA and the NOLRS Subcommittee members will work with the sector and Service Skills Australia to continually improve the national training package to meet the needs of the sector. Where continuous improvement leads to substantive changes to the Skill Sets for activities across different levels, the NOLRS Subcommittee will determine if there is a need for compliance by all outdoor leaders and what, if any, additional capacities registrants may need to demonstrate for re-registration (e.g. vertical rescue, remote area first aid). Changes will be announced to all current registrants as they are determined.
4. The timeline for the revised NOLRS documentation that incorporates the new training package will be phased in to accommodate for RTO's and PAP's to adjust their training and assessment to the new package requirements. We will require anyone who is anticipating registering for NOLRS (or any PAP planning on assessing applicants) in the coming year to notify the OCA Secretariat (secretariat@outdoorcouncil.asn.au) of their intent to register and the time-frame for registration so their documentation is handled accordingly.
5. Consideration has been given to the Expressions of Interest received to administer the NOLRS. Further information will be requested from some of these applicants.
6. We have begun a process of mapping NOLRS against the new NTP and Skill Sets.
7. As part of the overall review and changeover of training packages, the Board of the OCA will be actively seeking feedback on clarifying and refining the 'restricted' level of registration.

Thank you for your support

The OCA Board