

An Invitation

to give Input to the Development of Training in Bilingual Work

Your participation is invited in a focus group exercise in which the objective will be to identify the generic skills and knowledge used or needed by people who speak a language other than English and whose job it is to bridge the divide between mainstream Australia and a non-English speaking employer or client base.

Government Skills Australia has been commissioned by the Department for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to develop a Training Package for Translators, Interpreters and Bilingual Workers, for national endorsement in 2009 (TIB09).

The training package project arises from the Project to Scope the Need for Competency Standards for Interpreters and Translators, completed in December 2005 by Service Skills Australia. The Scoping Project a need for training in skills other than just language for people working bilingually and bi-culturally in both business and government.

Workshop facilitator, Heather Glass, has been engaged by GSA to facilitate the TIB09 national industry consultations. Heather trained in interpreting and translation in Tokyo and has worked in both fields since the late 1970s, including owning and operating a company providing value-added services in Japanese. Heather has lectured in both Interpreting and Translating at Central TAFEWA, and has been involved in development of training for Bilingual Tour Guides and Workers.

Your cross-cultural challenges are not yours alone: an opportunity to share, learn, and contribute to future training.

What?	Occupational analysis of bilingual work
When?	11 th June 2008 5.30 for 6:00 pm start Finishing at 7.30 pm
Where?	Conference Room 1, Ultimo TAFE cnr Harris and Mary Ann Streets, Ultimo
Cost	N/A
Refreshments provided	
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