



TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCIL

Awards for Excellence 2015

WINNER

Chairman's Award

TAFE Western

TAFE Western services 48% of the geographical area of NSW and stretches from Lithgow in the east to Broken Hill in the west.

Transport & Logistics training has become an important part of delivery in recent years. A Heavy Vehicle driving simulator mounted in a pan tech truck means training can be taken to rural and remote areas. Even though licensing cannot be conducted in the simulator, students can experience scenarios they may be confronted with real life.

Almost 20% of TAFE Western's students are Aboriginal, representing the largest number of Indigenous students of any Registered Training Organisation in Australia.

Workforce Development Initiative

TAFE Western developed a program of Road Transport training within corrective service institutions in central western NSW with the intent of providing inmates with skills to be used upon release to gain meaningful employment. To date more than 70 people have been licenced through this initiative.

The challenge of inmates not being permitted to drive vehicles on prison grounds and the difficulty of obtaining day release was overcome with the acquisition of a heavy vehicle simulator.

While the initial motivation for the program was for inmate rehabilitation, it is in the field of Aboriginal education and training this strategy has had the most impact.

The pilot program, which comprised four Aboriginal women, has become the model for delivery through Western Institute with the course being delivered in areas such as Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst, Condobolin, Parks and Forbes.

Outcomes included:

- Trainees have gone on to obtain employment in the mining industry as haul truck operators as well as in the general transport industry.
- The model has been used to support soon to be redundant employees of a major industry in Orange – with 39 people already obtaining their Heavy Vehicle licences and more to follow.
- Partnership between Ray Driscoll (Transport and Logistics Teacher) and the Aboriginal Education Training Unit key to the success of the program.

