



OPEN TRAINING AND
EDUCATION NETWORK

HEARING DEVICE PRESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION DIPLOMA *NRT

National code: HLT51307 Training package: HLT07
TAFE NSW number: 18273

Overview

At the completion of this qualification, students will have the skills and knowledge to work as an audiometrist or hearing aid audiometrist to screen for and assess the degree of any hearing impairment, and take appropriate action based on the test results. Audiometrists with this qualification prescribe and dispense hearing aid technology and assist with rehabilitation. They may also be involved in delivering hearing health education programs to their clients, carers and the community.

The Health Training Package (HLT07) identifies six (6) units of competency from HLT41307 Certificate IV in Audiometric Assessment as pre-requisites for entry into this Diploma qualification. You must complete these units of competency before moving on to the other thirteen (13) units in the Diploma. Areas covered in the Diploma qualification include: dispensing and maintaining hearing devices, implementation of hearing rehabilitation programs, managing clients with complex needs, refer appropriately, communicating effectively with clients and meeting legal requirements.

*NRT – Nationally Recognised Training - this indicates that the course is an accredited course and is nationally recognised.

Vocational outcomes

With this qualification you will be able to apply for jobs as an Audiometrist in hearing health facilities, including hearing aid dispensing services. You may work within larger audiology

services, or in general or specialist medical practices, or operate as an independent practitioner.

You will be able to perform hearing assessments to identify hearing impairment, prescribe and dispense hearing devices and refer clients on for further medical intervention if required. This course is recognised by the professional body Australian College of Audiology (ACAud) and the Office of Hearing Services (OHS). It is also recognized by the Hearing Aid Audiometrists Society of Australia (HAASA).

Entry requirements

Applicants must be 18 years old, have completed year 12 (or an equivalent statement from another educational authority) and have access to a suitable placement for clinical work that is supervised by an appropriately qualified person (see below)
You also must have completed the 6 pre-requisite units.

Note: Confirmation of your enrolment can only occur after OTEN has confirmed the suitability of your placement and supervisor.

Audiometry placement and supervision

To see a suitable placement you might contact:

- Hearing health or hearing aid practices in your town
- Audiometrist and audiologists from the yellow pages

- Professional associations such as Australian College of Audiology (ACAud), or the Hearing Aid Audiometrists Society of Australia (HAASA)
- Hearing Centres of Hearing Australia

Requirements of a supervisor:

Supervisors may be audiologists who are eligible for full membership of the Audiological Society of Australia (ASA) with a current Certificate of Clinical Practice (CCP), or a suitably qualified practitioner such as an audiometrist who is a member of ACAud and an OHS (Office of hearing Services) accredited hearing aid dispenser. Supervisors must have at least three years experience in the hearing health industry.

Course applications will be assessed against the following criteria: A suitable supervisor has signed the supervisor's section (Section 3). All students are required to complete and submit the attached forms:

Diploma in Hearing Device Prescription and Evaluation Employer/Supervisor Statement, Student Declaration Form and Prohibited Employment Declaration Form.

The TAFE NSW fee and charges

The **annual** TAFE NSW fee and the full OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge apply when enrolling or re-enrolling with OTEN before 31 May 2009.

Annual TAFE NSW fee	\$1214
OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge	\$50

You may choose to pay the 2009 annual TAFE NSW fee in two **equal** instalments. The first instalment and the full OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge are paid on enrolment. TAFE NSW will send you an invoice for payment of the second instalment, which **must** be paid by 31 May 2009. This instalment must be paid regardless of the month you enrol. If you hand in all assignments, complete all tests and sit for any exams prior to 28 June 2009, you will not need to pay the second instalment.

If you enrol after 31 May 2009, you need to pay the mid-year rate for the TAFE NSW fee of \$607 plus the full OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge.

Irrespective of the date you enrol, if you have not finished all of your units/modules to complete your qualification by 15 November, you will need to re-enrol and pay the TAFE NSW fee and the OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge again.

There are compulsory residential and/or practical components as part of this course. You will be required to pay these costs in addition to your payment of the TAFE NSW fee and the OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge. Please contact the Audiometry teaching section for further information.

If you are a Temporary Visa Holder and you are eligible to enrol, you may need to pay additional tuition fees depending on your visa subclass number. Go to our website www.tafensw.edu.au/oten for more information or phone Course Information on (02) 9715 8333 or 1300 362 346.

This qualification is suitable for study if you reside overseas. However if you are not an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident, you will need to pay commercial fees. Details of International student fees are available on the OTEN website at www.tafensw.edu.au/oten.

Duration

This qualification has a duration of 975 nominal hours.

However, students can complete with OTEN in less than the completion time above.

Students should plan to complete this qualification within two years.

An extension to the OTEN completion time may be available in special circumstances. Students will need to apply in writing to their teaching section.

Centrelink

Some students may be eligible for financial assistance to study from Centrelink. Applications for assistance are assessed by Centrelink, so you should contact your nearest Centrelink office to discuss your eligibility. If you receive a Centrelink student payment to study, you are expected to **complete** your qualification within the **time allocated by Centrelink**. This time may be less than the time OTEN allows. You are also required to show consistent and regular **progress** through your course, and complete

units/modules regularly throughout your enrolment. If not, you may incur a Centrelink debt which you will have to repay.

Conditions of enrolment

It is a condition of your enrolment with OTEN that you actively participate in your studies. Active participation is submitting assignments, attending practical sessions if applicable, sitting exams or tests, submitting an application for recognition of prior learning, accessing unit support pages on the Online Learning Support (OLS) website, completing units of competency or making satisfactory progress in learner support.

If you do not participate in your studies, future enrolment applications may be declined.

Criminal Record Check

Students are required to have a National Criminal Record Check before they undertake a clinical placement in hearing clinics. This requirement applies to both domestic and overseas students and will **require a fee paid by students**.

Please note that depending on the result of your criminal record check you may be prevented from gaining employment in health, medical and aged care settings.

Students may also be required to have current immunisation status before commencing placement in a hearing clinic.

For more information on Criminal Record Checks and Immunisation go to the following website: <http://www.health.gov.au/>

Prohibited Employment Declaration

A Prohibited Employment Declaration must be signed by students in courses where contact will be made with children, young people and older people.

To prepare for this possibility we have attached a Prohibited Employment Declaration form to this Course Information Leaflet for you to complete and attach to your application. Students, who are unsure whether their past behaviour would prevent them from fully participating in a course or affect their employment options, can discuss the matter with a member of TAFE NSW Counselling and Careers Service Staff. The OTEN Counselling & Careers Service can be

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contacted on ph: (02) 9715 8446 or 1300 655 993. In some circumstances you may be required to sign a consent form for a criminal record check and to pay for the check to be carried out.

Structure

There are 6 pre-requisite units and 13 units of competency in this qualification. The 13 units of competency consist of 9 core and 4 elective units.

To complete this qualification the units must be completed within the defined duration. You will need to plan your study to ensure you progressively enrol and complete all required units within this time.

All of the core units are compulsory.

The qualification is completed by:

- studying at home at your own pace
- assignment work which you send in to us for comment and assessment
- attendance at 3 residential schools
- attendance at compulsory on the job training of approximately 100 hours (duration).

The residential schools will be held at OTEN 51 Wentworth Road, Strathfield NSW 2135. You will be required to attend three residential schools, each of three days duration. The first residential school can be attended after a period of clinical observation. The final residential school will include your practical and written examinations and can be attended when all assessment tasks are completed. Please note that each of residential sessions will incur an extra cost.

You must also complete a First Aid Certificate which is available through OTEN.

All of the units of competency needed to complete this course are available through OTEN.

The qualification may be granted after the completion of all units.

You can request additional units be added to your current enrolment for your course, up until September this academic year, as you progressively complete the units you are initially enrolled into.

This qualification also has electives not offered by OTEN. Contact the teaching section for further information.

The course is delivered to enable learners to satisfy the requirements for the qualification by completing the following groups of units/modules:

Prerequisite units

<i>Unit of Competence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hrs</i>
HLTAU402B	Conduct screening hearing tests for industrial hearing loss	45
HLTAU403B	Conduct hearing assessments	160
HLTFA301B	Apply first aid	15
HLTHIR301A	Communicate and work effectively in health	20
HLTIN301A	Comply with infection control policies and procedures	25
HLTOHS300A	Contribute to OHS processes	20

Core units

<i>Unit of Competence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hrs</i>
CHCHPROM1A	Share health information	40
HLTAP401A	Confirm physical health status	55
CHCCS6B	Assess and deliver services to clients with complex needs	50
HLTCOM404B	Communicate effectively with clients	50
HLTHIR506B	Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements	30
HLTAU505A	Dispense and maintain hearing devices for adults and provide communication counselling	120
HLTAU506A	Develop and implement an individual hearing program	70
HLTAU507A	Apply hearing device technology	70
HLTAU508A	Identify needs for referral	70

Elective units

The 4 units listed below are the elective units offered by OTEN. Completing any 4 of these electives and the 9 core units the student will have fulfilled the requirements of study to attain this qualification.

<i>Unit of Competence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hrs</i>
BSBCMN302A	Organise personal work priorities and development	20
HLTAU501B	Conduct screening hearing tests for children	60
HLTHIR403B	Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers	20
BSBCMN310A	Deliver and monitor a service to customers	20

Early Exit Point

The Training Package rules allow students who have successfully completed the prerequisite units and the Diploma core units HLTAP401A Confirm physical health status and CHCHPROM1A Share health information as well as three elective units can exit the Diploma course and receive HLT41307 Certificate IV in Audiometric Assessment (18272). You will be charged an exit fee should this occur.

Recognition

TAFE NSW provides a means of assessing and recognising your previous learning and current work experience relevant to the course you wish to study, so you may avoid repeating what you already know.

For information on Recognition, including instructions on how to apply, visit www.tafensw.edu.au/oten and follow the Recognition link, or contact our **Recognition Helpdesk**.

- Ph: (02) 9715 8486 or 1300 362 165
- Email: oten.recognitionhelp@tafensw.edu.au

Please note: Some industries have their own legislative or licensing requirements. TAFE NSW recognition does not apply to these.

Learning materials

OTEN will provide learning materials in this qualification in the form of:

- Printed lesson notes
- 5 CDs

Additional reference materials as listed in your learning materials.

Assessment

Assessment for this qualification is by:

- assignment work which you should send in to us on a regular basis
- one practical assessment
- participation at three residential schools and an end of course examination block
- on-the-job training and assessment.

You will receive more information about assessment in the Assessment Guide for each unit after enrolment.

Refunds

Please enrol carefully, as refunds are only granted in exceptional circumstances. Refer to the OTEN Course and Career Guide for more information or the OTEN website www.tafensw.edu.au/oten.

For further assistance

The Counselling and Careers Services at OTEN may be able to help you to:

- Clarify your career or educational goals
- Choose an appropriate course (or courses) to achieve these goals.

Contact Counselling and Careers on
Ph: (02) 9715 8446 or 1300 655 993
Email: oten.counselling@tafensw.edu.au

OTEN also provides assistance through the:

- Disabilities Unit Ph: 1300 362 890
- Aboriginal Student Support and Development Unit Ph: 1300 362 890
- Multicultural Education and Support Unit Ph: 1800 637 535.

To apply to enrol

It is important to read this Course Information Leaflet carefully, as well as the OTEN Course and Career Guide, and complete the following attachments:

OTEN enrolment application form, *Certificate IV in Audiometry Employer/Supervisor Statement, Student Declaration Form and Prohibited Declaration Form.*

Attach your payment by cheque or money order, or include your credit card details to pay the TAFE NSW fee, the OTEN Student Materials and Handling Charge and any other associated course costs and send to:

OTEN Locked Bag 2012
Strathfield NSW 2135

For security reasons we do not accept cash.

If you are paying by credit card and have **no other documentation** to send to OTEN, you may be able to apply to enrol online. Visit www.tafensw.edu.au/oten.

Enquiries

For further information on this course, call **Health Services - Audiometry teaching section**

Ph: (02) 9715 8531 or 1300 652 947
Email: oten.health@tafensw.edu.au

Course information

Ph: (02) 9715 8333 or 1300 362 346
Fax: (02) 9715 8445
E-mail: oten.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au

Enrolment into most courses is open until early August. However, courses may be closed before this date if places are filled. For the latest information on course availability visit the OTEN website www.tafensw.edu.au/oten.

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