

Information about the DICAT Course

ADITC has revised the distance learning industry course, the DICAT Course. (We've all forgotten, but **DICAT** stands for **D**rilling **I**ndustry **C**ertification and **T**raining). The course is aligned to the national Competency standards, and satisfies the knowledge base of the standards.

It's the only distance learning (correspondence) course available to people who are working in the drilling industry and want to expand their knowledge and theoretical understanding while they are working.

The course is proof of training, and proof of training against recognised national standards. It can be done at site in down time, in own time or whenever. It builds on and uses the induction, experience and practical company training gained at work. It allows you to study at site, in your own time, and it supports your understanding of the practical experience you're getting while you work up to the level of Senior Driller.

It's an excellent support to use to help train new employees and give them an understanding of why they need to do things, and a systematic way to make sure nothing gets 'left out' of their training – easy to do when you're focusing on working on what comes up in the job, rather than making sure that all aspects are covered. In short, it provides the theory of drilling that you need.

The DICAT course uses *Drilling, the Manual of methods, applications and management* as a reference, and includes extensive additional information in a workbook for each module. The illustrated workbooks update current OH&S and technical requirements, and provide 'test yourself' sections to practice what you are learning. The course includes a CD (but all the information is in the written material if you don't have access to a computer). There is an assessment task for each module which is sent back to ADITC for marking.

The course is provided in four sets, which build on one another:

Set 1 for Utility workers / new employees Set 1 includes *Manual*, pen, workbooks and assessment tasks for Modules 1,2 and 3; a guide to succeeding at distance learning, and information for the workplace mentor or coach who is working with the new employee)

Set 2 for Driller's Assistants Set 2 includes CD and workbooks and assessment tasks for Modules 4, 5 and 6

Set 3 for Drillers includes workbooks and assessment tasks for Modules 7 - 11

Set 4 for Senior Drillers includes workbooks and assessment tasks for Modules 12 – 13.

Sets 1 and 2 cover standards to Certificate II level.
Set 3 completes the knowledge requirements for Certificate III level.
Set 4 completes the knowledge requirements for Certificate IV level.

A Statement of Achievement will be issued after completion of each set. Site assessment can then be carried out to complete the issue of Certificate II, III or IV.

Have you stopped in the middle?

You may have done part of, but not completed your DICAT Course – a surprising number of people have done 11 of the thirteen modules and stopped dead. You can contact us to find out where you're up to, and start up again to complete it.

Ring us at ADITC on (02) 9428 3444 for more information or to enrol.

The DICAT Course and Certificate qualifications.

ADITC is often asked what the relationship is between the DICAT Course and national qualifications like Certificate II (2) or Certificate III (3) in Drilling.

The answer is that the **DICAT Course** is very relevant and forms the base for company training. Companies can enrol new employees in the revised DICAT course to make sure that all aspects of training required are covered.

National certificate qualifications are built up from the learning and experience you have while you're working in the industry, wherever it was gained. It can come from formal study courses (like DICAT, or Senior First Aid Courses, Screens and Gravel Packs Courses, dogman or management courses.) It can also come from proof of experience (like testimonials from past or current employers, proof of work carried out such as drilling logs, or bore logs). Licences also provide proof (eg driver's licences, or a Driller's Licence). This means that all your training and experience count towards the qualification.

A completed DICAT Course covers all the theoretical knowledge required to Senior Driller level, or Certificate 4.

So, **the relationship between the two** is that having the DICAT Course completed means that you can easily and immediately prove that you have all the required theory needed up to and for Certificate IV. You still need to show that you have the practical experience. Once you do that, by providing documentation or being assessed at site by an assessor, you can be granted a national Certificate.