



Transition to RS (Reach Stacker) Licence

7th August 2018

As you may be aware there is a requirement for operators of Container Reach Stackers to hold either a **CN non-slewing crane Licence**, or the new **RS Licence**.

The RS Licence has been available in other states for some years and was recently introduced into Victoria. There has been some confusion about this transition and more than a little concern about the process available to obtain this new RS Licence for operators in Victoria.

The VTA was able to gain exemptions for members businesses and that exemption remains in place. However, the exemption is very specific and should a member currently under the exemption change address, name or in fact, any official change, the exemption will no longer apply.

The process of gaining the new RS Licence is further hampered by the fact that the only RTO able to issue this Licence does not have a machine in which to train anyone.

Working with WorkSafe and the RTO, the VTA has been able to provide a transition process for experienced operators to obtain the new RS licence which is simple, economical and allows for recognition of experience and prior learning. The normal price for this training would be around \$1,850.00 and dependent upon numbers we believe we can get the pricing reduced significantly based upon a group learning process.

The first step will be for organisations to register interest and provide numbers for the licence. The VTA will then arrange for the training to be scheduled. You will then be asked to nominate the attendees and provide a statement of experience for each. Attendees will then be sent an information pack, including some pre-course reading, and will then be advised of the training date for a one day theory and test. We anticipate holding this on Saturdays to minimise the disruption to business. Upon successfully completing this one day training, a time will be made by the RTO to attend the workplace and observe the operator in action of 1 – 2 hours after which a new licence will be issued.

Please note, if the operator holds a CN licence there is no need to move to the RS licence at this stage but this could change as it has become compulsory in other states.



If the above change affects your workplace and you wish to participate in the VTA's program please complete the below and return to the VTA:

Email: reception@vta.com.au

Attention: Rob Connolly

Company Name.

Company address.

Number of people to attend the course: _____

Names of possible attendees 1.

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