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ACCELERATED ENTRY PROCEDURE ARAA – Australian Rope Access Association

To IRATA Level Two

The technician holds registration with ARAA (Australian Rope Access Association) and with 1500 verifiable logged hours of relevant experience. The experience and logged hours should be checked by the Training Company and then approved by two Assessors *before* IRATA training commences. The technician completes an IRATA L1 course to a high degree of competence and secures the endorsement of the IRATA Assessor of the course to complete the procedure as follows:

Having received his registration, the technician completes a minimum of three months *and* 150 hours *at Level 1* and can then proceed to Level 2 training and assessment.

To IRATA Level Three

The technician holds registration with ARAA (Australian Rope Access Association) and with 2500 verifiable logged hours of relevant experience. The experience and logged hours should be checked by the Training Company and then approved by two Assessors *before* IRATA training commences. The technician completes an IRATA L1 course to a high degree of competence and secures the endorsement of the IRATA Assessor of the course to complete the procedure as follows:

Having received his registration, the technician completes a minimum of three months *and* 150 hours *at Level 1* and can then proceed to Level 2 training and assessment to a high degree of competence and secure the endorsement of the IRATA Assessor of the course to continue to Level 3.

This is achieved by means of a further three months *and* 150 hours *at Level 2* and then the technician proceeds to Level 3 training and assessment.

Technicians participating in this scheme will have the procedure fully explained to them. Thereafter, any falsification of documents or unsubstantiated claims will render the application null and void even if some training has been given.



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Appendix 1

Purpose

“To provide access to accelerated entry opportunities for rope access technicians who hold formal qualifications from recognised and reputable Industrial Rope Access organisations other than IRATA”.

The primary purpose of the AEP program is to allow persons of comparable hours, experience and recognised working levels to enter the IRATA training and certification framework and progress at a rate that give due recognition to prior experience and reflects timelines for advancement that do not provide process or financial barriers to participation.

Target

Existing professional rope access technicians who hold qualifications from ARAA are invited to participate as per the process steps outlined below. Applications from rope access technicians holding qualifications from other industrial rope access organisations within Australia will be assessed individually on their merit.

Eligibility

Policy location:	Applicable only for Australia
Nationality:	No nationality restrictions
Working location:	Relative to undertaking or commitment to undertaking work within Australia only
Qualifications recognised:	As at release date, ARAA Levels 1, 2 & 3

Appeal Procedures

IRATA is a membership group and as such is charged with upholding the standards to which their client base, both current and future demands. Maintaining the integrity of its processes is central to IRATA achieving the safety standards it has proudly retained for more than 20 years. Any decisions therefore, taken by persons or companies engaged in the AE assessments (be they application or performance based) are final and no appeal process is provided for within the context of this policy.



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Process steps

	What	Who	&/Or
1	Get Application forms for AE	Available from IRATA Aust RAC website	From IRATA Training Co's (AUST only)
2	Submission of application	Training Co	
3	Consideration of AE application	Verifiers (2 x AUST IRATA Assessors)	
4	Notification of acceptance of AE application	Training Co	
5	Commencement of training Level 1	Training Co	
6	Achievement of <i>Very Good</i> or higher standard (category 4 or 5) in Assessment	Assessor for training course	
7	Further 3 months and 150 logged hours required prior to undergoing subsequent Assessment 2		
8	Commencement of training Level 2	Training Co	
9	Achievement of <i>Very Good</i> standard (category 4 or 5) in Assessment	Assessor for training course	
10	Further 3 months and 150 logged hours required prior to undergoing subsequent Assessment 3		
11	Commencement of training Level 3	Training Co	
12	Achievement of a Satisfactory or higher (category 2 ~ 5 below) standard in Assessment		

The IRATA Assessment Overall Attainment table (from **Form 025R v6 IRATA ROPE ACCESS TECHNICIAN ASSESSMENT FORM**)

1	Unacceptable -	
2	Satisfactory	
3	Good	
4	Very good	
5	Excellent	



Accelerated Entry Procedure – ARAA

Applicant & Training Co. Checklists

APPLICANT

	Yes
Completed IRATA Level 1 & achieved a high level of pass rating by the Assessor?	
Completed 3 months since the IRATA Level 1 course & assessment?	
Completed & logged 150 hours on ropes since the Level 1 course & assessment?	
Returned the completed <i>Form AEPapp2</i> (attached) to the training company?	
Forwarded copies of log book pages verifying initial requirement of 1500 hours?	
Forwarded copies of log book pages verifying subsequent requirement of 150 hours?	
Forwarded copies of current ARAA certificate or card to the training company?	
Paid \$100 non refundable AEP fee to training company?*	
If you answered yes to all the above questions you have completed all requirements of the application process. You will be advised of the outcome within 14 days.	

*The process of receiving and verifying applications for Accelerated Entry involves significant work for the applicant, the training company & the verifiers. The application fee is therefore non refundable in the event that the application is unsuccessful or inconclusive due to insufficient data being provided by the applicant. However, the training company will apply the fee towards the overall course cost should the application be successful. Normal course fees apply.

TRAINING COMPANY

	Yes
Sent AEP policy document to applicant?	
Sent AEP application form to applicant? (<i>Form AEPapp2</i> ; attached)	
Verified assessment outcome of applicant at IRATA Level 1?	
Contacted Assessor of Level 1 course to verify that applicant is suitable AEP?	
Verified 3 months timeframe since IRATA Level 1 course?	
Checked log book for 1500 hours initial requirement?	
Checked log book for 150 hours subsequent requirement?	
Compiled information & sent to 2 x Verifiers?	
Received outcome from both Verifiers?	
Advised applicant of outcome of application?	
YES outcome to application: Liaise with applicant for course dates; defer app fee against course cost	
NO outcome to application: Notify applicant; Retain fee for processing application	
Paid fees to Verifiers?	

