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ARC swoops on dodgy training courses

The Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) has intervened to close down a number of substandard training courses recently.

Sub-standard courses have no place in the refrigeration and air conditioning (RAC) industry or as part of the ARCTick licence scheme.

Two courses being delivered in Victoria by an interstate training body were shut down due to non-licensed handling and storage of refrigerant - clear breaches of the Ozone regulations - as well as training quality issues.

In addition, a Certificate III RAC course being delivered in Western Australia is under investigation by the training regulator ASQA after ARC submitted a complaint over the legitimacy of the advertised duration to complete the qualification. ASQA has since confirmed to ARC they are "now implementing appropriate regulatory action against the provider as a result of ARC's complaint".

"ARC has shown that by partnering with the Australian Skills Quality Authority and acting on complaints raised to us by our members we can rid the industry of dodgy training courses," said ARC CEO Glenn Evans.

"Appropriate qualifications are the cornerstone of the ARCTick licence scheme and, on behalf of our 80,000 licensed members, ARC will keep up the pressure on training bodies to deliver quality courses for our quality industry," said Mr Evans.

If you have concerns about the quality of training in the RAC sector contact ARC on 1300 884 483 or email our Technical and Training Manager Noel Munkman <u>munkman@arctick.org</u>

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