



# Access News

## AAA

Access Audits Australia

disability access  advice  training

## IATA

Institute of Access Training Australia

professional  development  training



## IATA - A Registered Training Organisation

The Institute of Access Training Australia (IATA) has achieved accreditation as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Our team is very excited about this, as it means we will now be able to offer competencies in the Certificate IV in Access Consulting, as well as the Diploma in Access Consulting.

After feedback received from many prospective students, we are currently in the planning stage of training resource development, for the variety of competencies, to meet student needs. We are considering delivering some elements 'face to face' and others via webinars, on line, as well as via assignments that students will be required to complete and submit for assessment.

We will keep you up to date with developments and let you know as soon as we are able to begin offering these competencies. In the meantime, people who complete the Certificate in Access Appraisal – Buildings – 2 day course, will be eligible to apply for Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) for the two nationally Recognised Competencies CPPACC4001A Apply disability awareness to assessing access situations and CPPACC40005A Conduct a building access audit. See details of course dates below.



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### Updated Access Appraisal Checklist

People who have completed the IATA 2 day Certificate in Access Appraisal – Buildings Course can now purchase an Updated Access Appraisal - Buildings Checklist which incorporates the new and updated Standards. Contact us for your copy.

### Addressing Access in Parks and Outdoor Spaces 1 Day course

#### Dates for 2010

Sydney July 29  
Brisbane August 26  
Melbourne September 16  
Adelaide October 28

Register at [www.accessinstituteaustralia.com.au](http://www.accessinstituteaustralia.com.au)

### Certificate in Access Appraisal Buildings

2 day course plus assignment

#### Some dates for 2010

June 28th & 29th Cairns  
July 26th & 27th Sydney  
August 23rd & 24th Brisbane  
September 13th & 14th Melbourne  
October 25th & 26th Adelaide

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## IATA

## Cinema Chains Must Comply

The sequel to our article in the previous edition of Access News, is the the Australian Human Rights Commission has denied the major cinema chains, Greater Union Organisation, Hoyts Corporation, Village Road Show and Redding cinemas a temporary exemption from the Disability Discrimination Act (1992).

The Commission stated that the progress in captioning and audio description proposed by the cinema chains was insufficient both in the number of cinemas that would be enabled to screen captioned and audio described films and the number of times per week that this service would be available. This was particularly so given the financial resources apparently available to the cinemas.

Any benefit that would result from the granting of the exemption would be outweighed by the detriment that would be experienced by cinema patrons who have a vision or hearing impairment whose ability to complain about cinema captioning and audio description would be affected by the exemption.

## FIFA unveils 'live match experience' for fans who are blind

For the first time in World Cup history, people with vision impairment or who are blind will be able to enjoy a special live-match experience at the global football showpiece in South Africa.

According to FIFA, 15 seats in six stadiums have been equipped with headphones and trained commentators to give live reports on the action on the pitch.

"Football is a universal sport and it must be accessible to everyone," said FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

"We are therefore delighted to be able to make this unique live experience in the stadium also accessible to people with vision impairment.

" This project is another launching pad for South African sports and will create a legacy with services and facilities at football grounds for people with vision impairment inn South Africa.

Arrangements have been made for sight guides and volunteers to accompany blind supporters within the stadiums.

Also, FIFA partner Sony is providing the necessary transmitters that will allow people to receive match-day commentary in the stadiums free of charge.



## Braille for Emotions

Shafiq ur Réhman from Umeå University says that "Missing emotional information from facial expressions and head gestures makes it extremely difficult for people with vision impairment to interact with others at social events.

People who are blind compensate for missing information with other senses such as sound. But it can be difficult to understand complex emotions with voice alone."

A Swedish researcher has created a kind of Braille system he claims allows people with vision impairment to see others' emotions. The research team believes that it has found a solution in technology that allows the expression of human emotions through vibrotactile patterns.

The team used an ordinary web camera, specially developed software, a touchscreen display and vibrating pads, which would convey "emotional messages" to the wearer. The software included a tracking system, which followed the movements of the mouth as facial expressions were used in this project as the main indicators of emotion.

"Visual information was converted from the camera into advanced vibrating patterns which could be felt on the skin. The vibrating devices were sequentially activated to provide dynamic information about what kind of emotion a person was expressing and the intensity of the emotion," Réhman says.



## One Seminar Covers all New Standards and Updates

There have been many changes and updates to a variety of Disability Access Standards over the past year as well as the introduction of new Standards.

These have included:

- Disability Access to Premises - Buildings Standards 2010 - new
- AS1428.1 Design for Access and Mobility 2009 - updated
- AS/NZS 1428.4.1 Tactile Indicators 2009 - updated
- AS1428.5 – Communication, for people who are deaf or hearing impaired 2010 – new
- AS/NZS 2890.6 – Off street parking for people with disabilities 2009 - new

After requests from many organisations, we have developed a 3 hour Seminar covering all the key elements of the changes, updates and new Standards that will allow you, your

colleagues and co workers to gain the most up to date information during one session, rather than having to attend separate sessions on each.

We are currently offering organisations the opportunity to book a session in their workplace. A minimum of 10 participants (or equivalent fee) per session required. You can invite people from other organisations to participate.

Please contact us for further details at [accessinstitute@bigpond.com](mailto:accessinstitute@bigpond.com) or phone 03 9431 3472

## I Pad access

A draft British Standard on web accessibility warns organisations to consider how easily people with disabilities can access their websites on mobile phones, tablets and TVs. Ignoring their needs could breach legislation, it says.

Organisations should create policies and production processes to identify and remove barriers that result in websites excluding people with disabilities and older adults.

The Standard acknowledges that websites, which it refers to as "web products," are increasingly accessed on devices other than desktop computers. But it advises that other devices can introduce challenges for users with disabilities.

"For example, users might wish to access web products via mobile phones, internet tablets, games consoles or televisions," it says. "However, some web products might not be accessible to people with disabilities who use these devices.



## IATA Training Calendar 2010

### Certificate in Access Appraisal – Buildings - 2 days

March	May	May	June	July	August	September	October
Fremantle 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tweed Heads 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cairns 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Brisbane 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>

### Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards & Australian Standards Updates - Seminar 2 hours

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Fremantle 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tweed Heads 27 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cairns 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney 28 <sup>th</sup>	Brisbane 25 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne 15 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide 27 <sup>th</sup>

### Addressing Access in Parks and Outdoor Spaces – 1 day

March	May	May	July	July	August	September	October
Fremantle 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tweed Heads 5 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cairns 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sydney 29 <sup>th</sup>	Brisbane 26 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne 16 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide 28 <sup>th</sup>

**We Can Come To You:** If these dates or locations do not suit your organisation, please contact us. If you can organise 10 participants or more we can deliver the one and two day courses at a time and place to suit you.

#### Did You Know?

- People who are deaf will soon be able to text emergency services after the Australian Government promised to introduce this service
- The Australian Government has announced their plan to adhere to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines with compliance to Level A by 2012 and Level AA by 2015
- New Standard AS1428.5:2010 – Communication for people who are deaf or hearing impaired has been released

#### Contributions

Contributions to Access News are welcome and can be emailed to us at any time. [AAAaxs@bigpond.net.au](mailto:AAAaxs@bigpond.net.au)

#### Web site

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[www.accessauditsaustralia.com.au](http://www.accessauditsaustralia.com.au)

Our site is designed to be accessible for all users. It has AAA W3C level compliance and is AAA Bobby approved. Earlier Access News editions can be downloaded and there are also links to other relevant access related web sites.

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