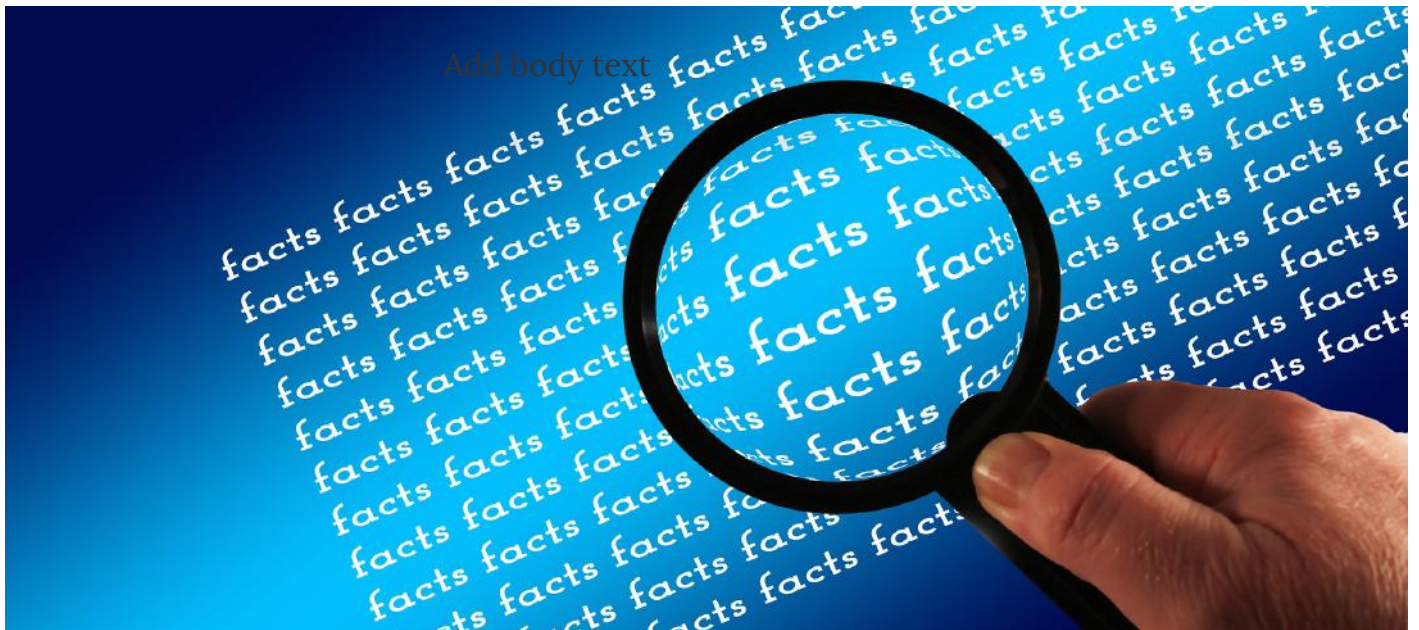




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Investigator Qualification Training Scheme



FAQ's

What is it?

The new Investigator Qualification Training Scheme (IQTS) is a 4-tiered training scheme that builds professional skills in SEAH investigations and establishes a professional standard and career progression for investigators.

The four-tiers will support progressively advanced levels of professional training and the maintenance of practitioner level qualifications through continual learning and support from an investigations community of practice.



What are the 4 tiers?

The IQTS has four tiers: the online Foundation Module, the combined online and facilitated Investigator Practitioner course, the 5 day residential Advanced Investigation Practitioner course, and Qualification Maintenance for the retention of practitioner level certifications.

1

Foundation

- Self-directed online module.
- Assessment through an online, multi-choice exam.
- Certificate of completion upon passing the exam.

2

Practitioner

- Comprehensive online training and study materials supported with facilitated online tutorials.
- Virtual classrooms and discussion forums.
- Computer-based testing and written assignment.

3

Advanced Practitioner

- 5 day residential course.
- Practical final assessment / exam to assess aptitude, behaviour, skill and knowledge.

4

Qualification Maintenance

- Validation of experience and continual professional development.
- Required to maintain Practitioner level certification.

Will there be any recognition of prior learning?

Yes, highly qualified investigators will not have to go through all tiers of the training scheme to receive qualification.

The scheme will include a process to assess relevant prior learning (RPL) including formal, informal and non-formal learning together with hands-on experience to enable: A) qualification without participating in the training scheme; and/or B) direct entry into the practitioner levels of training.

Example 1:

Aaliyah previously completed CHS Alliance's Investigator Workshop. Since completing the workshop, she has undertaken a number of recent SEA investigations and can provide references to support this.

Aaliyah can apply for consideration to directly enter the Advanced Investigations Practitioner course.

Example 2:

Nyaluk hasn't completed CHS Alliance's Investigator Workshop, but has undertaken similar training with another organisation. He has also undertaken a number of recent SEA investigations and can provide references.

Nyaluk can apply for consideration to directly enter the Investigations Practitioner course or Advanced Investigations Practitioner course depending on his training and experience.

Example 3:

Caroline has undertaken formal and informal training in SEA investigation and is highly experienced, having undertaken SEA investigations over some time and can provide references.

Caroline can apply for either the Investigator Practitioner or Advanced Investigator Practitioner certification without undertaking the training. However, to retain the certification, she must undertake continued professional development.

When will the new courses start?

It is envisaged that:

The online Foundation Course will be available from the beginning of Q4 2021;

the Investigation Practitioners Course will be available from the beginning of Q3 2022; and

the Advanced Investigation Practitioners Course will be available from the beginning of Q4 2022.

What about the current investigation workshops offered by CHS Alliance?

Beyond Q2 of 2022, the SEA Investigation and Investigation Follow-Up Workshops will no longer be offered, having been replaced with the Investigations Practitioner training at the beginning of Q3 2022, and the Advanced Investigations Practitioner at the beginning of Q4 2022.

However, the PSEA and Investigations for Managers Workshops will continue separate from the IQTS.

How do you apply and how much will it cost?

Application for RPL and course enrollment will be through CHS Alliance.

There will be no requirement to apply for the online course which will be offered free of charge.

At this stage, the cost to enrol in the Practitioner courses is not know. However, Alliance members will benefit from a discounted rate.