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Insulation Installer Training Course Supporting Local Jobs

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Unemployed workers and building tradesmen doing it tough in North Queensland during the economic downturn are being encouraged to undertake the government-endorsed insulation installer course which is being offered by Skill360 Australia, the nation's foremost provider of apprenticeships and vocational training.

"That this course is being offered in North Queensland provides a pathway for locals looking to become Australian Government accredited insulation installers. It's particularly relevant for individuals without work or tradesmen looking for that little bit of extra income," said Troy Williams, Chief Executive Officer of Skill360 Australia.

The three-day course provides the instruction necessary for individuals to demonstrate competency in the installation of various types of insulation products. Once individuals have complied with additional Australian Government requirements they are eligible to apply for registration as an accredited installer of insulation, able to assist people access the \$1,600 rebate for insulation.

"Increasing the number of accredited insulation installers helps home owners in North Queensland access the \$1,600 grant to have insulation installed in their homes. It's a great program that not only assists in making our homes more efficient, but also creates jobs at a local level," Mr Williams said.

According to Skill360 Australia, the training provides a pathway to allow many tradesmen to stay in North Queensland, despite the tough economic climate.

"Skill360 Australia is encouraging tradesmen doing it tough to look at installing insulation as an option to keep their head above water. Unfortunately, another option is that they leave and head south in search of work which won't do the local economy any good when the economic recovery gets fully underway," he said.

In addition to undertaking the insulation installer course offered by Skill360 Australia, Mr Williams is encouraging potential insulation installers to look carefully at the program and commit to doing the right thing by consumers. In the past month the Australian Government has cracked down on dodgy installers, however Skill360 Australia believes that there are still opportunities for reputable operators.

"The advice available to Skill360 Australia indicates that there is a shortage of skilled people to install insulation in North Queensland, so this is a great opportunity for local operators looking to do the right thing," Mr Williams said.

Skill360 Australia offers its program every three weeks in Queensland's north, rotating between Cairns and Townsville. More information on the training course is available at www.insulation.asn.au or by telephoning 1300 933 358.

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