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**Information for Water Industry Managers, Human Resources Personnel and Employees in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**Water Quality/Aqua Card Course now available for members**

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After many months of development, we are pleased to be able to release [Water Quality – an online course for people working on or around water infrastructure](https://www.qldwater.com.au/water-quality). It is a simple overview of what contaminants are, the risks they pose, how they can enter a drinking water system and the responsibilities of those working on infrastructure to reduce that risk. It includes practical guidance – how to operate within work sites including good housekeeping and disinfection practices. It complements our existing online offerings - the industry induction package, legislation and risk management.

Those who have attended ***qldwater*** presentations in recent times would be aware of the plan to develop this course. The version available at the above link is provided to ***qldwater*** and Water Skills Partnership members free of charge for internal use. You just need a ***qldwater*** web account, if you don’t have one already click [here](https://www.qldwater.com.au/users/account) and complete the registration and provided is using a member organisation email address, it will be approved directly.

It is still intended to use the “Aqua Card” title referred to previously for a fee for service course targeting contractors servicing Queensland utilities. The content will essentially be the same, but is likely to include a larger pool of questions and at the end of the course, a statement of completion will be generated. Some members are considering whether to mandate the course as part of service contracts and we looking into the additional necessary technologies and processes.

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