

The evolution of Road Safety Auditing in Western Australia

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In Western Australia the objective of the IPWEA – MRWA Road Safety Panel is to promote a safer road environment for all road users in Western Australia through road safety engineering expertise. The Panel has always had a strong focus on road safety auditing and delivers the training and accreditation programme for Road Safety Auditors. They also maintained the database of accredited Road Safety Auditors and Senior Road Safety Auditors.

As road safety auditing has advanced over the years the Panel has had to adapt its programmes to ensure relevancy, best practice and to move with the quick pace of changing technology.

This paper will take you on the journey of how road safety auditing has evolved in Western Australia including the implementation of improvements such as:

- The Road Safety Audit Portal
- Online Road Safety Audit training
- Tightening of accreditation requirements
- The introduction of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) requirements to maintain accreditation
- The production of an online Road Safety Engineering Course
- Creation of Road Safety Audit report and brief templates
- Inclusion of Safe System principles
- The development and promotion of stronger Road Safety Audit Policies in Government Agencies

Many lessons have been learned along the way. Although the implementation of these changes has presented its fair share of challenges it has also achieved very positive results.

References:

<https://www.road-safety-audit-wa.org/>