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### **An AWS accredited training program for sustainability and water management professionals & specialist service providers. Presented by Pinnacle Quality (AWS approved training organisation)**

The AWS International Water Stewardship Standard (the AWS Standard) is the globally-consistent framework for implementing water stewardship, helping major water users to understand and improve their water use in the context of a catchment.

Conformity with the AWS Standard enables credible recognition of meeting international best practice.

The **Foundation and Advanced Training in the AWS Standard** program is broken into **2 half day courses** that will equip water management and sustainability professionals with the knowledge they need to implement or promote water stewardship in their operations. This course is accredited and recognised by AWS as meeting the Level 1 and Level 2 requirements for professionals seeking accreditation as an AWS accredited auditor, consultant or trainer.

## Day 1 - Foundation Training

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- A basic understanding of water concepts, water risks and the opportunities available to manage these
- An understanding how water stewardship can contribute to your organization's goals
- An overview of available tools to support the application of water stewardship
- An understanding on how to engage with the AWS Standard, and
- A basic knowledge of the requirements of each of the six implementation steps of AWS Standard

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Companies who are interested in learning the basic of Water Stewardship and the Alliance for Water Stewardship Standard.

### PRE-REQUISITES

- The program will be taught in English so participants will be expected to have a satisfactory grasp of

# Day 2 - Advanced Training

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Understand how water stewardship can contribute to their organisation's goals and gain an overview of available tools to support the application of water stewardship;
- Understand how to engage with the AWS Standard and the core requirements of each of the six implementation steps of the AWS Standard,
- Achieve a deeper knowledge of the Standard's criteria and indicators and how they are applied at a site and catchment level.
- Build confidence in working with the Standard through experience with the application of criteria and indicators and group exercises to raise and resolve questions and ambiguities.
- Deepen understanding about the relationship between water stewardship and other water initiatives, particularly integrated water resources management, that are used at a site and catchment level.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Sustainability professionals, major water users, the water and wastewater industry, catchment managers and water policy makers.
- Personnel employed at water using sites looking to apply the AWS Standard
- People interested in providing specialist services to water using sites as accredited auditors, consultants or trainers
- Staff from water and natural resources management agencies interested in working with sites to implement good water stewardship
- People managing sustainable supply chains interested in working with their suppliers to manage water issues and risks.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

By participating in the **Advanced Training** Program in the AWS Standard participants will deepen their understanding of:

- How water stewardship can be situated within an overall suite of policy options for water management.
- The key elements of stewardship systems in general and how these are implemented in the AWS water stewardship system.
- The range of risk and conformity tools that participants may be using or have heard about and show how water stewardship works with these tools.
- How water stewardship is being applied in different contexts through examples of organisations working with the system.
- The AWS Standard - The criteria, indicators and intent of each step of the AWS Standard and how to navigate the glossary and guidance material associated with the AWS Standard
- How the AWS Standard can be applied in different contexts.
- How to put this introductory knowledge of the AWS Standard into practice through a case study.
- The processes for verification of conformity with the AWS Standard.
- What support is available for water stewardship projects and compliance requirements?
- The relationship between the AWS Standard and other water management and sustainability initiatives.

## PRE-REQUISITES

The program will be taught in English so participants will be expected to have a satisfactory grasp of English. Participants seeking to become AWS specialist service providers (consultants, auditors, trainers) will also need to have completed this course.

## ACCREDITATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This program is based on implementation of the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard, a standard owned by the international Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS).

## INVESTMENT

Foundation Only Training: \$400.00 AUD per person \*discounts available for multiple attendees from same organisation  
Foundation and Advanced Training: \$800.00 AUD per person

## REGISTRATION

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDPLH> \*invoice available upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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