



## Occupational Audiometry Course

### About the Occupational Audiometry Course

The new national Work Health & Safety Act, which requires audiometry in high-noise workplaces, has been enacted by several governments around Australia (Queensland, ACT, Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Commonwealth), with more to follow.

The Hearing Company offers Australia's leading Work Health & Safety (WHS) Act-compliant, four-day course for existing Audiometric Testers and those who wish to work in this emerging and challenging field. The course prepares occupational health practices and testers to be fully compliant with the industry best practice **Australian/NZ Standard 1269.4, Work Health and Safety Regulations** and relevant **Codes of Practice**.

Many businesses are now questioning: is our audiometry practice or external provider conducting best practice assessments, and compliant with the Australian Standard and Regulations?

To achieve compliance, a practice must have:

- i. a formally-assessed, quiet testing environment;
- ii. a calibrated audiometer with headphone option based on the assessed noise levels; and
- iii. an Audiometric Tester trained and proficient in the 16 elements specified in **AS/NZS1269.4**.

In many states/territories audiometry practitioners are now required to be formally trained. Regulators recognise that there's much more involved in doing the task accurately than the old model of "see-one, do-one". Our intensive, four-day course combines theory with practical coaching in a comprehensive package (see content overleaf), using a range of methods and materials including:

- Lectures and exercises
- Real-life stories from industry
- Demonstrations and role plays
- Several hands-on practice sessions
- On-on-one mentoring
- Written and practical assessments
- Course manual
- Use of equipment in all practice sessions

Our commitment to one-on-one coaching ensures students graduate from the course as efficient and confident Audiometric Testers, ready to put their new skills to work straight away.

The skills, knowledge and qualification gained from the course will be applicable in any occupational audiometry setting in Australia and the wider Asia Pacific region.

### Registration and 2019 course dates

<p>25 - 28 February 2019 (Sydney)          13 - 16 May 2019 (Adelaide)          12 - 15 August 2019 (Brisbane)          11 - 14 November 2019 (Sydney)</p>	<p>To secure a place on this course please complete the online registration form. If you have any questions or need assistance to complete the registration please contact the Course Coordinator on 0478 776 039 or <a href="mailto:admin@hearingcompany.com.au">admin@hearingcompany.com.au</a>.</p> <p><b>Course fee:</b> \$2,700.00 ex GST (\$2,970.00 inc. GST)</p> <p><i>Note: Courses will only run with a minimum number of registrations</i></p>
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## Course Content

- Sound and hearing
- Understanding the test environment
- Audiometers and testing technique
- Understanding and creating audiograms
- Referral criteria
- Ear anatomy and physiology
- Multiple audiometry practice sessions
- Otoscopy (ear inspection)
- Common causes of hearing Loss
- Effects of noise exposure
- Noise management
- Personal hearing protection
- Hearing loss and rehabilitation
- Audiometry protocols, legislation and standards
- Case history
- Identifying temporary and permanent hearing loss
- Assessing significant changes in hearing
- Presenting results to employees/patients
- Infection control
- Equipment checks
- Maintaining accuracy
- Practical and written assessment

## About The Hearing Company

The Hearing Company Pty Ltd is Australia's most experienced and respected audiometry training and consulting business.

We have over 1,200 course graduates practicing audiometry in organisations ranging from small medical practices through to Australia's largest corporations, including: BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto, Sonic Health Plus, Alcoa, International SOS, Multiplex, John Holland, Chevron and South 32.

Glenn Johnson, Director and Principal Audiologist at The Hearing Company, has a post-Graduate qualification in Audiology and over 20 years' experience in the hearing profession. He has designed and presented audiometry courses around the world and is widely regarded as a dynamic and engaging educator. As a specialist Occupational Audiometry consultant, Glenn advises a wide range of clients in the corporate and government sectors.



Course Presenter: Glenn Johnson, Principal Audiologist and Consultant

## Feedback from our students

*Very informative, professional and enjoyable 4 days. The course was structured and taught in a way that was easy to understand. At the end, I felt far more confident in ear examinations and conducting hearing tests. Usually during courses, I fall asleep after lunch - not this one! I found the whole course was interesting ++."*

**Deborah S, Occupational Health Nurse, Private Consultant, Queensland**

*"The course was well paced, easy to understand and with the right amount of time to practice skills. The course was very well delivered and well supported by materials and exercises. I gained a much greater understanding about hearing and the effect of workplace noise. I also developed a new skill that I now feel confident about putting into practice."*

**Paula P, Occupational Health Nurse, South Australia**

*"The Occupational Audiometry Course was both in-depth and enjoyable. It was expertly delivered with the perfect mix of practical and theory. Highly recommended!"*

**Byanka C, Office Manager/Health Practitioner, Alice Audiology, Northern Territory**

*"A++ for the manual, materials and course delivery. There was a great mix of theory and practical - I wasn't overwhelmed or "lost". I liked everything about the course; the practical sessions, the teacher, meeting and networking with others. In particular, I liked practicing under supervision, making mistakes and then trying again. After a few years of 'giving it a go' at work, it's so good to know how to test our organisation's staff correctly and accurately. Glenn has fantastic knowledge and imparts it so everyone in class fully understands and even managed to make it fun! I'm now confident about conducting hearing tests and would highly recommend the course to others."*

**Mary R, ESH Advisor, Lockheed Martin, New Zealand**