



# Martial Arts Instructors need Government recognized Qualifications

**Martial Arts Instructors have operated 'outside' of the Government recognized qualification national framework for some time now and because of several 'Insurance' issues in the 'spotlight' recently a more professional approach has to be taken by the martial arts Industry.**

In many respects the martial arts Industry is where the fitness industry was about 10 years ago before the certificate 3/4 in Fitness and personal training along with the Fitness Queensland registration process and all bona fide Insurance for the Fitness Professional.

Martial Arts Crusader Graham Healy himself a 7dan Master and Chief Instructor of Healys freestyle Tae Kwon Do & Boxing Academy, Cert 3/4 Personal Trainer Fitlink, Cert 4 Sports Coach - International College of Martial Arts, cert 4 business management and Fitness Queensland registered fitness professional has been at the vanguard of a CRUSADE to lift the standard of education and qualifications of all serious martial arts Instructors .

The problem is that martial arts certification issued in China, Japan or Korea, while having some bearing 'internally' with the martial arts school and 'master' as far as 'internal' recognition, however, the martial arts certificate (if the instructor actually has one that is) has NO BEARING as far as the legalities of bona fide Insurance and Australian recognized Government national qualification framework.

Technically the martial arts instructor operated as 'UNQUALIFIED' (irrespective of martial arts certification) without the appropriate Government recognized certificates and bona

fide insurance written out against that paperwork .

The Solution of the dilemma is simple the certificate 4 in Sports Coaching 'specializing in martial arts ' is available and depending on the Instructors previous background and experience RPL is available with some of the course subjects.

The other 'bonus' is that if the Instructor obtains a cert 4 in sports coaching they can then RPL (recognized prior learning) against a Cert 4 in Personal training for example a FITLINK CERTIFICATION and vice-versa the RESULT would be a fully bona-fide martial arts instructor with Government recognized qualifications and legally validated Insurance .

The legislation 'clock is ticking' and it is only a matter of time before these issues are in the public and governmental consciousness. The martial arts industry will have to 'lift the standard' to align with the lead given to it by the fitness industry.

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