



# Department of Lands

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## **JOHN HARLOW COMPLETES HIS ICDL IN 6 WEEKS!**

The NSW Department of Lands is providing employees with a recognised level of computer competency that will maximise effective use of IT functionality.

Already 72 staff have completed the full ICDL program with a further 28 attaining their ICDL Start certificate. There are currently 130 staff on the 2005 ICDL program across NSW from Maitland, Goulburn, Orange, Albury, Bathurst and Sydney to name a few.

According to Katherine Perkins, Learning and Development Project Officer, "The great thing about being certified with the ICDL is that it enables mobility and recognition internationally. Employers no longer have to worry about verifying their prospective employees computer competency it's all done for you with the ICDL." she added, "With only seven modules to complete the ICDL, the program offers flexible on-line learning and if you are already proficient at some subjects, then all you have to do is sit the tests and your skills will be recognised."

Just like Assistant Coordinator GPR, John Harlow, the whiz kid of ICDL at the NSW Department of Lands. John completed the course at an amazing pace, taking only six weeks to pass all seven exams and attain his ICDL.

Although John found it hard to get into the swing of sitting tests again, once he was used to it, he found it very enjoyable.

"I found it very easy to fit the lessons into work time, as it didn't take more than one or two hours a week, says John. I knew a lot of the course content already, but the training improved my skills on applications I had not used a great deal before, such as PowerPoint."

John went on to add, "Overall, I would recommend this course to everybody in the Department without hesitation. The whole experience of learning something new and learning in a way that I have never learnt before (online) was great."

You certainly can't argue with a rap like that!