

# ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE AWS STANDARD



An AWS accredited training program for sustainability and water management professionals & specialist service providers

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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. The Standard is designed to support, recognize and reward collaborative efforts to manage shared water challenges, focusing on four outcomes of water stewardship:

1. Good Water Governance
2. Sustainable Water Balance
3. Good Water Quality
4. Healthy Status of Important Water Related Areas

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

The **Advanced Training in the AWS Standard** program is a one-day course for people who will be implementing water stewardship in their operations or people providing AWS consulting, auditing or training services. The Program takes an in-depth look at the six steps involved in water stewardship by working through one or more case studies and examining how the Standard could or would be applied to that case. The case studies are selected based on relevance to the audience attending the program.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Advanced Training Program in the AWS Standard will enable participants to

- 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?

- 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.

## PROGRAM FORMAT

This is an all-day face-to-face program for eight to 24 participants using printed and electronic material supplied. Participants will be expected to contribute to small group discussions as the class works through each of the six steps of the AWS Standard. At the conclusion of the course participants will be asked to complete a short test to ensure they have comprehended the material. Satisfactory completion of the test is a pre-requisite to undertaking the next level of training the AWS Specialist Training Program.

## CONTENT

The course works through five of the six steps of the AWS Standard, examining the requirements as set out in the criteria and indicators and then applying those criteria and indicators to a case study. Step 1 (Leadership Commitment) is considered briefly. The course also briefly reviews key content from the Foundation Training Program and examines the relationship between Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and water stewardship.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- How the AWS Standard can be applied in different contexts
- The criteria, indicators and intent of each step of the AWS Standard
- How to navigate the guidance material associated with the AWS Standard
- 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 the AWS Foundation Training Program before undertaking 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). This course is accredited and recognised by AWS as meeting the Level 2 requirements for professionals seeking accreditation as an AWS accredited auditor, consultant or trainer.

## CONTACTS

GLOBAL Alliance for Water Stewardship [www.a4ws.org](http://www.a4ws.org)

ASIA PACIFIC Water Stewardship Australia [www.waterstewardship.org.au](http://www.waterstewardship.org.au)

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