Editors' competence recognised through accreditation scheme

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The Australian publishing industry has another 57 Accredited Editors to choose from, with the release of the results of the 2014 IPEd accreditation exam.

The Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd) has offered the exam since 2008, with five exams having now been held, producing 326 Accredited Editors. Another 28 are Distinguished Editors, those who developed the first exam.

This year's exam was held on 3 May in all capital cities across Australia. The accreditation scheme gives Australian editors a way to demonstrate their competence and gives potential employers confidence in the skills of the editors they hire.

The exam is designed for editors with at least three years' full-time editing experience. Australian Accredited or Distinguished Editors, who are able to use the postnominals AE or DE, represent 20% of the membership of the seven Societies of Editors that make up IPEd.

Accreditation gives editors recognition of their skills and is a validation of competence as an editor. It demonstrates that these editors have passed a peer review that certifies their competence in applying the standards set out in *Australian standards for editing practice.*

"This year's pass rate of 63% highlights the high standard and rigour of the exam and demonstrates that a combination of both experience and exam preparation are necessary to be successful," said Chair of IPEd's Accreditation Board Ted Briggs.

The three-hour accreditation exam tests many editorial skills, including copyediting, project definition and the ability to identify defamation, permission and copyright issues. It also recognises that there may be more than one acceptable solution to an editorial problem.

The next accreditation exam is scheduled to be held in 2016.

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