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AWEX OPENS WOOLCLASSER REGISTRATION 2016-2018

Woolclasser re-registration for the three year period, 2016-2018, is now officially open.

Every three years, AWEX invites all currently registered woolclassers to re-register as part of the AWEX wool quality program. AWEX has posted invitations and registration packs to more than 19,200 woolclassers ahead of the new triennium commencing on 1st January 2016.

Woolclasser re-registration provides AWEX and the wool industry with a census of trained and skilled personnel in the wool industry. "A key part of AWEX's role is to keep woolclassers informed on the current industry trends and issues." said Mark Grave, AWEX CEO "Continuous learning has been the foundation of Australia's approach to wool preparation so that we can meet industry expectations now and in the future".

In leading up to the woolclasser re-registration period, the AWEX Code of Practice for Wool Preparation has been reviewed in consultation with industry. "All woolclassers and industry stakeholders were invited to complete a survey and/or make a submission to the review. Over 900 people responded to the AWEX survey which is an outstanding result." said Mark Grave "The wool industry will continue to evolve over the next three years and beyond and receiving input from industry is critical to ensure that on farm issues are understood and assess whether industry messages have been heard." said Mark Gave "Notably, the new minimum bale weight of 120 kg for non-speciality wool will commence from the 1st January 2016."

Mark Grave said "One of the ongoing challenges, for AWEX and the industry, is to promote the benefit of trained and qualified people in the wool industry and recognise the value woolclassers add to the Australian wool clip."

"The reputation of the Australian wool industry as a supplier of well prepared, contaminant free, quality wool hasn't diminished but the expectations of wool processors are continually being raised. Wool prepared on farm by a registered woolclasser is eligible to receive a 'P' test certificate which is recognised globally. Buyers and processors buy 'P' certificate lots with confidence knowing that that they have been prepared by a trained and registered woolclasser to meet or exceed the industry standard."

Woolclassers re-registering can do so online, by post/fax or by contacting AWEX e: woolclasser@awex.com.au

The woolclasser registration fees for the three (3) year period 2016-2018 are:

MC (Masterclasser) - \$299.00 (GST inc.),	AW (Australian Woolclasser) - \$275.00 (GST inc.)
OC (Owner Classer) - \$199.00 (GST inc.),	CA (Classer Associate) - \$130.00 (GST inc.)

AWEX woolclasser re-registration opened on 1st October and finishes on 31st December 2015.

For further information, please contact AWEX on 02 9428 6100.

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