

Under the Limit Quarterly Newsletter July 2009

Welcome to our first newsletter for the UTL program



Image source: Qld Police Service

Under the Limit is a drink driving rehabilitation program which aims to prevent future episodes of drink driving by offenders. The program is run over 11 weeks, with offenders attending for 1 ½ hours each session at a local TAFE campus. The program is delivered by facilitators trained by CARRS-Q staff at QUT.

UTL Classroom Program Completions January – June 09

In class programs ran	24
Offenders enrolled (1 privately referred)	236
Did not show on the first night	21
Did not successfully complete the program	26
Number who successfully completed	189
% who successfully completed	80%

Drink Driving offences for all Queensland (QPS) 2008 and referrals to the UTL program 2008, 2009

Old Total	
Offences <0.05	1496
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	8627
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	13930
Offences ≥0.15 or FPSB*	2922
UTL Referrals 2008	787
Referrals To June 30 2009	506

*Failure to provide a specimen of breath

Key points to note:

- Approximately 80% of offenders who enrolled in classroom programs successfully completed - they have attended all or nearly all of the 11 sessions, complied with all behaviour standards and paid all fees
- Referrals to the UTL program have increased in 2009, and this has enabled us to run more programs than in recent years. In 2008 there was a total of 787 offenders placed on an order to complete the program, and as of the end of June, there are already 506 offenders referred for 2009
- Referral rates (the number of referrals as a percentage of all offenders in the region) vary across regions, from less than 1% in Metro South Region up to 6.4% in Southern Region
- The Distance Education (DE) mode has been phased out with no offenders being directed to this mode after 1 June 2009. Offenders who were directed to the DE program prior to this date will still be able to complete their program under DE mode
- A systematic evaluation is currently being carried out, comparing drink driving re-offence rates for offenders who completed the program with a control group of offenders who were not referred to the program. Queensland Transport is providing the offence data
- Please note the recommended changes to the standard form Probation Order approved by the (Magistrates) Forms Committee for when the UTL program is to be undertaken (*includes participating in a satisfactory manner, not attending the program under the influence of liquor or illicit drugs, and paying the program fee of \$750 within a period of four (4) months from the date on which consent is given to undertake the program or within such other period of time as approved in writing by an authorised Corrective Services Officer*)

The next page gives details of offence and UTL referral rates for each of the Police Regions in Queensland.

Drink driving offences by Police Region in Queensland 2008 and referrals to the UTL program 2008/09

Far Northern		Northern		Central	
Offences <0.05	143	Offences <0.05	160	Offences <0.05	155
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	842	Offences 0.05 - 0.07	646	Offences 0.05 - 0.07	847
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	1312	Offences 0.08 - 0.14	1227	Offences 0.08 - 0.14	1591
Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	515	Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	478	Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	560
Referrals to UTL 2008	59	Referrals to UTL 2008	38	Referrals to UTL 2008	104
Referrals to UTL as % of total	2.1% [^]	Referrals to UTL as % of total	1.5% [^]	Referrals to UTL as % of total	3.3% [^]
Referrals to June 30 2009	62	Referrals to June 30 2009	14	Referrals to June 30 2009	91

North Coast	
Offences <0.05	280
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	1588
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	2678
Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	155
Referrals to UTL 2008	278
Referrals to UTL as % of total	5.9% [^]
Referrals to June 30 2009	126

Southern	
Offences <0.05	153
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	714
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	1239
Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	128
Referrals to UTL 2008	142
Referrals to UTL as % of total	6.4% [^]
Referrals - to June 30 2009	76

South Eastern	
Offences <0.05	222
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	1480
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	2669
Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	136
Referrals to UTL 2008	82
Referrals to UTL as % of total	1.8% [^]
Referrals - to June 30 2009	65

Metro North	
Offences <0.05	193
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	1253
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	1561
Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	437
Referrals to UTL 2008	57
Referrals to UTL as % of total	1.7% [^]
Referrals to June 30 2009	44

Metro South	
Offences <0.05	190
Offences 0.05 - 0.07	1257
Offences 0.08 - 0.14	1653
Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	513
Referrals to UTL 2008	27
Referrals to UTL as % of total	0.7% [^]
Referrals to June 30 2009	28

Qld Total	
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Offences \geq 0.15 or FPSB*	2922
Referrals to UTL 2008	787
Referrals to UTL as % of total	2.9% [^]
Referrals to June 30 2009	506

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[^] The number of offenders referred to the UTL program as a percentage of all DD offences

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