



National Retail Association



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Retail managers find the fast track to uni qualifications

Australia retail managers will have the opportunity to fast track access to post-graduate qualifications, as a result of a new agreement between the National Retail Association and the University of Wollongong's Sydney Business School.

The agreement will allow graduates with Diploma level qualifications and relevant experience in retail management to gain direct admission to the Graduate Certificate in Retail Management and then progress to Master of Retail Management offered by the University's Sydney Business School.

NRA Executive Director Gary Black said the partnership would offer retail managers a pathway to executive level skills and careers.

"Most retailers learn their skills on the job, and fewer than 20 per cent of retail managers in Australia have formal qualifications," Mr Black said.

"Many of them do not currently have a way to have their skills and experience recognized towards a national qualification.

"This agreement between the UOW and the NRA will allow for recognition of on-the-job learning, employer training and the completion of work projects.

"Completing a post-graduate qualification will make the path to senior management easier for retail staff."

Sydney Business School's Executive Dean, Professor John Glynn, said that he is very pleased to have entered into this MOU which he sees as a significant partnership that will benefit aspiring managers employed in the retail sector.

"The School has a long history of successfully working with a number of industry sectors and this latest agreement complements existing arrangements relating to the School's Master of Science (Logistics)," Professor Glynn said.

Mr Black said the NRA had also established its own training arm to assist retail managers progress as professionals.

The National Retail Institute offers a range of qualifications for managers, many of them at low cost due to government incentives available.

The NRA's training institute is available on 1800 RETAIL or 07 32400100.

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