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## **AMP Horizons ramps up intake and introduces Professional Year Program**

AMP Horizons Financial Planning Academy (AMP Horizons) will increase its planner intake by 50 per cent in 2010 and introduce a Professional Year Program for Horizons graduates.

AMP Horizons Director Tim Steele said increasing the planner intake from 80 to 130 for the year reflects increasing demand.

“Just under 200 planners have completed the AMP Horizons program since its launch in 2007 and we have continued to enhance the quality of our offering to planners.”

AMP Horizons’ existing 10-week program will be incorporated into the new Professional Year Program which will consist of a mix of online and structured learning opportunities as well as simulations, advanced coaching and eSupport. Horizons graduates will undertake this program while working in the AMP Horizons financial planning practice or other AMP financial planning practices.

“The Professional Year Program is designed to help high-calibre financial planners achieve recognised competencies in financial planning advice and to support planners in maintaining the levels of professionalism recognised by aligned industries such as Accounting.

“It also gives Horizons planners additional mentoring support and skills development which they can then apply in their day-to-day work, reflecting our ongoing focus on ensuring the highest levels of planner professionalism and expertise,” Mr Steele said.

The Professional Year Program will commence in May 2010 to coincide with the completion of the Academy’s eighth intake. “We are committed to training quality financial planners and believe this is the right step forward to ensuring the long-term success of our graduates,” Mr Steele said.

A further 30 candidates will join the ninth intake commencing 3 May 2010.

AMP Horizons Academy information nights will be held soon. To register for the information nights contact AMP Planner Recruitment team on 1300 307 544.

- Melbourne – Tuesday 16 February
- Adelaide – Wednesday 17 February
- Perth – Thursday 18 February
- Sydney – Wednesday 24 February
- Brisbane – Thursday 25 February

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