

Toastmasters International – Improved Educational Programme

This year, you will see the following improvements in TI's educational programme:

A new manual on leadership and a new leadership award

The 10-project Competent Leadership manual will help you develop leadership skills while serving in various club meeting roles. The manual was introduced in January 2006 and is part of the new-member kit, which all new members receive. Members completing the manual will receive the new **Competent Leader** award. Toastmasters International will begin issuing the new award in July 2006.

New titles for the existing leadership awards

The current **Competent Leader** award will become the **Advanced Leader Bronze** award. The current **Advanced Leader** award will become the **Advanced Leader Silver** award. The requirements for the Advanced Leader Bronze award will include completion of the new Competent Leader manual.

Because the requirements for this award are changing, there will be a two-year "grace period" for those working toward the current Competent Leader award. This means World Headquarters will continue to issue Competent Leader awards under the current requirements through June 30, 2008.

Beginning July 1, 2008, all members will have to meet the new requirements. Those who have already earned the Competent Leader award under the current requirements and who apply for the Advanced Leader award after June 30, 2006, will receive the new Advanced Leader Silver certificate.

New titles for the Communication and Leadership Program and Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals

At their next reprinting, the Communication and Leadership manual will be titled the Competent Communication manual and the Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals will become the Advanced Communication manuals.

New titles for the communication track awards

Effective July 1, 2006, the Competent Toastmaster (CTM) award, given to those completing the Communication and Leadership Program manual, becomes the Competent Communicator award.

The Advanced Toastmaster Bronze, Advanced Toastmaster Silver and Advanced Toastmaster Gold awards will become the Advanced Communicator Bronze, Advanced Communicator Silver and Advanced Communicator Gold awards respectively, with no changes to award requirements. Beginning July 1, 2006, members applying for any of the current awards will receive certificates reflecting the new award names.

A change in the Distinguished Toastmaster award requirements

Beginning July 1, 2006, to be eligible for the award, a member must have received the Advanced Communicator Gold (or current Advanced Toastmaster Gold) and the Advanced Leader Silver (or current Advanced Leader) awards.