



Welcome aboard the final edition of Train Brain for the year

In this edition, we are looking at a number of new initiatives to help you stay on top of the training you require to be a fully functioning member of our extractives sector.

- We feature details of two on-line registration systems available for managing Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- We look at the Board of Examiners' review of Certificates of Competence and what MinEx wants to see
- The benefits of a better alignment of NZ qualifications with Australian qualifications is canvassed
- And we attend the inaugural meeting of the latest Institute of Quarrying NZ branch - formed recently for those of you living in the top of the South and West Coast.

Please be aware that as we get closer to our annual summer break, we are getting tired; and fatigue is one of the primary causes of workplace accidents.

So do take particular care over the next couple of weeks, so you are able to get to share Christmas with your family, rather than in hospital - or worse.

Stay safe - your industry needs you in 2018.

All the very best for Christmas and New Year.

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New WorkSafe on-line CPD system

WorkSafe's new Continuing Professional Development (CPD) logbook system is now on-line. It gives CoC holders secure access to their own online log book, making it easier to monitor progress towards meeting CPD requirements. Further system information and instructions available [here](#)



You've got until February 19 to enter historic CPD learning activities (Christmas hols a good time?); then CPD logbooks for previous years will become read-only and you will only be able to enter learning activities to the current year's logbook.

As a current CoC holder you should have received an email providing you with access to the new system. If not - or if you require help with the on-line system, email BoF_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz or 04 901 4980. All CoC holders are responsible for meeting CPD requirements and keeping an accurate record of CPD learning activities. You no longer need to submit CPD log books to the Secretariat, unless these are randomly selected for verification.

If you don't want to use the online system, you can still use the existing hard copy CPD log book.

An alternative is the IOQNZ on-line system, launched last February. Details [here](#). Note, you need to be an IOQNZ member to use the system.



WorkSafe online CPD logbooks for 2017 need to be completed by February 19 2018

CoC applications, oral exams and the BOE review



WorkSafe has also been quietly launching a new website, including improved on-line [CoC applications](#).

The MinEx Board was this week advised of some of the latest figures for CoC exam pass rates. A grade quarry managers are now at 73% pass rates and B Grades are at 60%. Less than a year ago, there was a 60% failure rate for B Grades - so we are seeing considerable improvement. That said, a 40% failure rate for B Grade, including those resitting oral exams, is still too high.



That's why MinEx put a lot of effort into its submission when the Board of Examiners calling for input into reviewing CoCs.



The BOE makes its recommendations to the WorkSafe Board, which has responsibility for setting CoC requirements. Decisions are expected early in 2018 with meetings proposed throughout New Zealand to inform industry about the new requirements.

MinEx truly hopes its submission, echoed by others, has been heard. We want to see national qualifications established with a wider focus than the health and safety requirements of CoCs. The biggest challenge and potential single best outcome is to get in place good training materials that fit with extractive sector requirements.

Trans-Tasman qualifications



One benefit of national qualifications for the extractives sector is these would allow much better recognition on the other side of the ditch - and vice versa.

Australia already has such qualifications. MinEx hears from people with Australian qualifications that aren't recognised here. And we know of those who've taken their CoCs across the Tasman only to be told these don't really count.

MinEx has told MITO, which oversees extractive industry training, that it will work to help deliver better training and improved qualifications which can be recognised both here and in Australia. Let's all get on board this train.

IOQNZ branches out in top of South and Coast

We've all got to do our bit towards making our industry safer and more professional, so hats off to the IOQNZ which recently held its inaugural meeting for a Marlborough/Tasman branch.



Fulton Hogan industries manager Neill Kydd was elected chair, and while he expects Nelson will be the branch's base, he is keen for it to extend to West Coast as well as top of South members. Currently, the nearest IOQNZ branch is Canterbury which means a long journey for anyone wanting to attend IOQ

training sessions or meetings.

Some good speakers are planned to encourage interest and attendance at the new branch and MinEx expects to be able to contribute.

Contact for new IOQ branch is [Neil Kydd](#)



Find out all the different ways you can earn CPD hours [here](#)

MITO scholarships and courses

Last days to apply for MITO scholarship

Applications for MITO scholarships close on December 15th.



Up to 50 MITO scholarships are available - totalling up to \$50,000 in value. These scholarships are available for people beginning a new career or wanting to advance their career by completing a national qualification in several sectors, including the extractives industry.

[Check out all the details here.](#)

eLearning CPD refresher course

MITO have developed an eLearning CPD refresher course to help people refresh their legislation knowledge and gain knowledge in applying regulatory requirements to manage an extractive site. They anticipate it will provide five hours CPD. A small group are currently trialling this refresher course. Anyone interested in being involved in the trial and providing feedback can email Lee Graham at lee.graham@mito.org.nz.

IOQNZ Webinars

Hot off the press ... IOQNZ webinars for 2018. In fact, these are so hot off the press, they may even change - but here's a taster of what's coming up in the first couple of months.

Quarry plant Equipment and Processes - 29 January
Conveyors - 9 February
Worker Health - 12 February
Slope Stability - 16 February
Social Licence to Operate - 19 February
Emergency Plan - 23 February
Drill and Blast - 26 February

For more details contact [Petrina Torstonson](#)

ACT Safety Courses

ACT Safety run A & B Grade, CPD and Oral Exam courses all over New Zealand. Here are the CoC courses scheduled in December and early 2018.



For A Grade and B Grade courses, see the schedules below.

COE CPD Courses

Explosives Training - US17694 & 21152
Hamilton - 22-23 January

Human Factors - US26855
Auckland 11-12 December

Planning Rehab Operations Operating & Safety Requirements, Leadership, Emergency Management & Legislation
Whangarei 8 November
Auckland 29 November or 30 November and 1 December
Wellington 8 December

Check it out on the [ACT Safety website](#), or download the [A Grade schedule](#), [B Grade Schedule](#) or [CPD and oral exam schedule](#)

For more information, contact Dianne Leaming on 09 270 9592 or actsafety@xtra.co.nz

If you have earned more CPD hours than you need, you can carry some over into next year



Mines Rescue Courses

Here are the final courses for 2017 - as well as some courses for early 2018 from Mines Rescue. See the schedules below for complete lists.



Prep for CoC Oral Exams
Greymouth 25 January
Auckland 15 February
Christchurch 13 February

Risk Management
Auckland 22-23 January

Incident Investigation

Greymouth 13-14 December

Auckland 19-20 February

Underground Coal

Greymouth 15 December

New Hazardous Substance Regs and how they affect your Organisation

Greymouth 19 December

Christchurch 14 February

Auckland 16 February

[North Island Schedule](#)

[South Island Schedule](#)

For more details [visit their new website](#), email [Colin McDonnell](mailto:Colin.McDonnell) or call (03) 7627828.

Tai Poutini Courses



Tai Poutini has four locations for A Grade training, and nine locations for B Grade training.

Courses still available in December

- Prepare Safety Inspection Plans (Unit Standard 8902)
- Human Factors (Unit Standard 26855)
- CIMS (Unit Standards 17279 & 22445)
- Mining Legislation (Unit Standard 7142)
- Health & Safety Legislation (Unit Standard 28742)

They are now enrolling for 2018, the full schedule of dates can be found at <http://www.tpp.ac.nz/industry-training-new-zealand/school-of-mines/>

For more information visit www.tpp.ac.nz or contact Nicole Scalmer nicoles@tpp.ac.nz 03 769 9645.



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