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## Welcome to the first Train Brain for 2018

Hi, hope you've had a good break and are all aboard for good health and safety in 2018.

Actually having a holiday is really important; our minds and bodies get refreshed. We are also able to start the working year with more capacity to review how we've done things and look for improvements.

One of the things on the horizon for MinEx this year is some training workshops on health and safety management. MinEx is hoping to run these with WorkSafe in smaller centres.

Details are still being confirmed but we hope to visit 15 or more locations. A particular target will be smaller quarries.

As you may have seen in this week's [MinEx/AQA media release](#) there are hundreds of these dotted around the country. Regrettably many seem to see no need for training or mandated health and safety practices and procedures.

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If you are a small quarry operator, contact me and I'll endeavour to assist you to lift your training and get you underway to meeting the requirements. WorkSafe is starting to enforce the Health and Safety @ Work Act - and if you are not compliant, you face the risk of being shut down.

Stay safe - and train hard.

**Wayne Scott**

**CEO - MinEx**

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## Train and have fees paid

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While some may think the new Labour-led Government's move to make free the first-year fees for tertiary students is targeted at university students, in fact it also applies to apprenticeships and training programmes - from this year.

There are some requirements for 2018 enrolments;

- You must be enrolling in a New Zealand Apprenticeship or other programme of at least 120 credits that starts in 2018, is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission, recognised by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, and is at New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) level 3 or above; and
- be entitled to work in New Zealand; and
- not be currently enrolled in a school at the start date of the programme; and either
  - have been enrolled in a school at any time during 2017 or 2018; or
  - not have previously undertaken more than 60 credits at level 3 or above on the NZQF, including tertiary education at an equivalent level undertaken in any other country, but excluding any tertiary education undertaken while enrolled in a secondary school.



This [link to the MinEx website](#) explains eligibility.

Please note: The fees free cannot be used for Certificate of Competence courses. It can however be used for all the New Zealand Certificates and Diplomas in Mining and Quarrying.

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## WorkSafe Training/Supervision Workshop

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WorkSafe New Zealand are planning a Training and Supervision Workshop Forum for the extractives industry.



The outcome is to equip decision-makers with tools and knowledge to achieving best practice training and supervision for the extractives industry. The forum will discuss the variability and quality of training across New Zealand and highlight what good training looks like and how it is good for business.

Topics and speakers are currently being confirmed. An update will be provided as soon as possible. In the meantime - book it in your diary!

**Where:** Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre

**When:** 23 March 2018

**Time:** 9am to 5pm

[Download for more details](#)

For more information contact [Charlene Donald](#) (06) 986 6207.

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*The countdown is on for completing your WorkSafe online CPD logbook. It must be done by **February 19***

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## Get mentored and get results

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MinEx's [mentoring programme](#) now has 21 mentors across the country.



We have seen good results from the mentoring conducted with the B Grade pass rate for last Aug-Sept hitting 78%, when the national result (including mentored examinees) was only 60%.

You can get mentoring at a time and location that works for you and there is no cost involved, so there

is everything to gain and nothing to lose.

[Contact MinEx](#) to put you in touch with a local mentor.

## Got a lifetime CoC? CPD training still required

If you are the holder of a lifetime quarry CoC there are still requirements of you that kick in this month.

These regulations are set out in [here](#).

They require a holder of a lifetime quarry manager's CoC to comply with prescribed:

- competency requirements
- continuing education requirements (CPD).

Your CoC will continue to be in force on that basis, so long as from 1 January 2018, you comply with these requirements.



Webinars, attending AGMs, workshops - you can earn CPD hours many ways - check them all out [here](#)



## MITO mining and quarrying training



MITO's training programmes for the mining and quarrying industries provide training for those new to the industry right through to supervisory and manager roles.

Visit the [MITO website](#) for details on qualifications and courses you can do through MITO, or [download the fact sheet](#) for more information.

Enrolments for 2018 courses are being taken now.

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## IOQNZ Webinars

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Here are the first few months of what IOQNZ have planned in the way of webinars for 2018. A great variety of topics from some very knowledgeable presenters.

Quarry plant Equipment and Processes - 29 January  
Worker Health - 12 February  
Slope Stability - 16 February  
Social Licence to Operate - 19 February  
Emergency Plan - 23 February  
Drill and Blast - 26 February  
Quarry and Small Mine Surveying - 2 March  
Conveyors - 9 March  
Test Methods - 16 March  
Training and Verification of Competence - 19 March  
Cost Management - 23 March  
Contractor Management - 26 March

For more details see <https://ioqnz.co.nz/2018/01/webinars-jan-mar-2018/> or contact [Petrina Torstonsen](#)

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## Tai Poutini Courses

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Tai Poutini Polytechnic are now taking enrolments for the *National Certificate*

*in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction A Grade) Level 5*

programmes in:

Southland, Greymouth,

Christchurch, Palmerston North and Hamilton.



**Tai Poutini  
Polytechnic**  
NEW ZEALAND

Enrolments are also open for the *National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction B Grade) Level 5* programmes in: Southland, Greymouth, Nelson/Blenheim, Christchurch, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Bay of Plenty, and Hamilton.

2018 students may be eligible for free fees, for more information visit <http://www.tpp.ac.nz/student-info/fees-free/fees-free-2018/>

A full schedule of dates can be found [here](#) or contact Nicole Scalmer on 03 769 9645 or [nicoles@tpp.ac.nz](mailto:nicoles@tpp.ac.nz)

*You can apply for your CoC in hard copy - or  
you can do it online!*

[Click here](#)



## 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 early 2018.

**ACT Safety**  
SAFE WORKPLACE SAFE SYSTEMS SAFE PEOPLE

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

### COC CPD Courses

**Explosives - Unit Standard 17694 & 21152**

*Hamilton - 22-23 January*

*Dunedin - 8-9 May*

**CIMS Training - Unit Standard 17279 & 22445**

*Dunedin - 13-14 February*

**Oral Exam Preparation**

*Dunedin - 16 February*

*Auckland - 12 March & 28 June*

**Operating & Safety/Leadership/Emergency Management/Legislation - 16hrs CPD**

*Dunedin - 2 days 23 March & 26 March*

*Auckland - 2 days 18 & 19 June*

**Risk Management - Unit Standard 28983**

*Auckland - 30 April-1 May*

**Operating & Safety/Legislation - 16hrs CPD**

*Dunedin - 2 days 7 May & 7 June*

**Human Factors - Unit Standard 26855**

*Dunedin - 5-6 June*

**Incident Investigation - Unit Standards 16686**

*Auckland - 14-15 June*

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

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## Mines Rescue Courses

As usual Mines Rescue will offer courses throughout 2018. Here are some on offer for early 2018. 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**  
*Auckland 19-20 February*

**New Hazardous Substance Regs and how they affect your Organisation**  
*Christchurch 14 February  
Auckland 16 February*

**Underground Mining and Tunnelling**  
*Auckland/Huntly (depending on numbers) 30 January*

[North Island Schedule](#)  
[South Island Schedule](#)

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



*If you know of anyone who would like to  
receive the Train Brain  
email [office@minex.org.nz](mailto:office@minex.org.nz) and we'll help keep  
their training on track*

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