



Getting on board

I've not been shy about questioning the direction of Education Minister Chris Hipkins' reforms of the vocational education system and the potential impact on the extractive sector. In short, my fears were our workplace-based training might be replaced by too much classroom-based learning.

We made our submissions, things are now moving and MinEx is getting on board with a wish to make the new system work for our industry's trainees, apprentices and businesses.

The Government is progressing with the introduction of legislation to form the Institute of Skills and Technology, the body which will oversee all vocational education. Initial discussions have commenced on the formation of between 4 - 7 Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) to replace the 11 ITOs by Dec 2022. WDCs will have accountability setting industry training standards, the function currently carried out by MITO. This includes qualification development, unit standard development and moderation. It does not include workplace-based training and support: this will transfer to the training provider network (private training providers and polytechnics) as part of the transition to the new vocational education system.

We have had initial discussions with MITO and other industry associations and will keep you informed of progress as details become clearer. It is important that we protect our

learners and continue to enrol new learners through this transition. We are confident that there will be little impact on existing and new learners going forward.

I am also delighted to see MITO's launch of The New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (First-line Supervision Level 4). This is the first programme of learning toward a national qualification for opencast mine and quarry managers, and hopefully will lead to full qualification programmes at Cert IV and Diploma level across the Extractives sector. Details are included below.

Elsewhere in this Train Brain, we detail our second two-day mining technical seminar, outline our remaining MinEx workshops for the year and provide details of the MITO scholarship programme.

You should also note that last month saw the first prosecution of a quarry for not having someone with a CoC in charge; the message is these have long been required and the time has passed where not having someone with that level of training is acceptable.



Train hard and stay safe.

A handwritten signature of Wayne Scott in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Wayne Scott
CEO MinEx and AQA

Expect more WorkSafe prosecutions

For the first time, a quarry has been prosecuted over not having a current CoC on a site - and frankly I think we will start to see more.

As is well known, any quarry operation requires a manager with either an A grade, B Grade or Site Specific CoC, depending on the site's size and nature of operation.

Last month, Matamata quarrying and contracting company McPherson Contracting was fined \$11,250 after WorkSafe found the site manager did not hold a current Certificate of Competency.

WorkSafe's chief inspector, extractives, Paul Hunt says by failing to appoint a quarry manager with a current CoC the company did not meet the regulations and all mining and quarrying operators should take the prosecution as a warning to have the correct

credentials, or risk prosecution.

Paul Hunt told the July QuarryNZ conference that WorkSafe has records of 1,083 operating quarries with about 100 operating without an appointed manager, 200 without a CoC.

Failure to have a manager or CoC carries a maximum \$50,000 fine. If you are operating a quarry with no CoC in place, the time has passed where you can expect to get away with it.



Paul Hunt – WorkSafe now taking a hard hat approach to Cocs

Sparkies, managers and those mechanical



Following on from a successful workshop in 2018, our second two-day mining technical seminar will be held in Christchurch on Wednesday November 20 and Thursday November 21. The first day will be predominantly related to Electrical Safety and will

be again facilitated by Lionel Smith the Acting Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines in Queensland.

The second day will cover mechanical and general mine health and safety issues including Leadership, Worker Health and new technology. There will be a keynote address on Mine Manager expectations, a session on dealing with asbestos in the workplace from Alex Wood of Progressive Risk Management, plus sessions on leadership, technical issues and safety culture.

Those attending either day are welcome to join us for a networking session at 4pm on the first day. The two days will offer 12 hours of Continuing Professional Development. The Russley Golf Club in Christchurch is again the venue.

Both workshops run from 8am to 4pm and the cost of each workshop is just \$110+GST.

Register here:

\$110 + GST to attend and you MUST register.

For registrations download the App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Central North Island trio to finish 2019 Workshops



We are now shunting into the final MinEx workshops of the year. These provide a cost-effective way (\$100 + GST) way to get up to speed on Operating and Safety systems, Emergency Management, Leadership and Legislation. The workshops are co-hosted by Brofill and WorkSafe with one of their HHU inspectors attending to give you guidance on what they see and what they are looking for.

Our remaining workshops commence in Ngaruawahia on October 16, followed by:

- Taumarunui - October 17
- Whakatane - November 7

The MinEx NZ App makes it easy for you to register, get information, receive printouts, certificates etc. Details below.

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Also - a huge thanks to our 2019 workshop sponsors



MITO scholarship programme and update

MITO are also about to release a Level 4 New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying in Surface Extraction. MinEx is also in discussion with MITO about creating micro-qualifications for school students. A programme where secondary students will work approximately one day a week in quarrying or mining operations to complete two basic Unit Standards. This programme has a high success rate in other sectors. Consultation is currently underway with our sector to ensure there are operations keen to host students.



APPLY FOR A 2020 MITO SCHOLARSHIP!

MITO's 2020 scholarship programme is now open, and we're looking for people who are eager to explore their potential and advance their careers within the automotive, transport, logistics, extractive and industrial textile fabrication industries.

The 2020 programme will provide up to 60 scholarships with a total value of up to

\$68,000.

There are eight scholarship categories available in 2020:

- The Kick Start scholarship
- The Kick Start Māori and Pacific Peoples scholarship
- The Business Skills scholarship
- The Business Skills Māori and Pacific Peoples scholarship
- The MITO Alumni - Diploma in Business scholarship
- The MITO Alumni - Electric Vehicle scholarship
- The MITO Alumni scholarship
- The Clyde Cunningham QSM Memorial scholarship

[2020 MITO SCHOLARSHIPS - APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!](#)

*** JUST LAUNCHED! ***

THE NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN MINING AND QUARRYING (FIRST-LINE SUPERVISION) - SURFACE (LEVEL 4)

Designed in consultation with industry, this training programme will provide you with the technical skills and operational knowledge to undertake first-line supervision responsibilities at a workplace within a surface context. With the responsibility for the performance and safety of your team a key concept of the programme, you'll also acquire the planning and organisational skills to implement work and production schedules.

The training programme includes a mix of practical training and assessment, undertaken in the workplace, and eLearning, allowing you to complete theory elements of the programme at your own pace. You will have access to online learning activities and course assessments, which can be easily accessed at any time and from any device - mobile phone, tablet or PC.

The training programme is expected to take 2 years to complete and is now open for enrolments.



Remember to keep all evidence of CPD activities in case you are asked to provide evidence when you apply for renewal of your CoC



It is a good idea to record your CPD formal and informal hours every time CPD is done.

It only takes a few minutes!

Remember to confirm your oral exam appointment two weeks before the date!

If you don't you might lose your slot



ACT Safety Courses

ACT Safety run A & B Grade, CPD and Oral Exam courses all over New Zealand. Here are some of the CoC courses scheduled for the next few months:



Human Factors - US 26855

Auckland 16-17 October 2019

Planning Rehabilitation Operations - US 21151 A-Grade

Auckland 24-25 October 2019

CoC units B-Grade Risk Management - US 28983

Auckland 19-20 November 2019

B-Grade (8900's)

Prepare & implement safety plans for surface face and benching operations - US 8902

Construct & Maintain access roads - US 8905

Maintain working surfaces - US 8909

Conduct safety checks prior to equipment usage - US 8922

Auckland 25-26 November 2019

Dunedin 18-19 November 2019

Palmerston North 25-26 November 2019

Demonstrate Knowledge of Storing Explosive for Use - 21152

Demonstrate Knowledge of explosives and their properties - US 17694

Auckland 28-29 November 2019

You can view all the A and B-Grade courses here [full schedule here](#)

Check out [ACT Safety website](#)

For more information, contact Irene Volschenk on 09 270 9592

or irene.volschenk@actsafety.co.nz

IOQNZ Seminars, Meetings and Webinars

IOQNZ Seminars, meetings and webinars are open to anyone to attend - you do not have

to be a member of IOQNZ. Simply follow the link below to register.

Webinars/Courses



2019 NZ Study Tour with Paul Sutton - [14 to 23 October](#)

[Principles of Emergency Management Planning & Response](#) - 25 October

[Emergency Management Course](#) - 14 November

For more information, contact [Petrina Torstonson](#)

Mines Rescue courses

CoC training

Mining Legislation Advanced US 7142

Auckland - November

Coordinated Incident Management US 17279 & 22445

Auckland - October

Auckland - December



See the [North Island](#), [South Island](#) and [SSE schedule](#).

Individual programmes

Remember Mines Rescue can set you up with an individual programme which can be conducted at a distance by phone or skype and have been exceptionally successful at helping participants to attain their CoC.

For more information contact [Colin McDonnell](#) or call (03) 762 7828.

Marshall Mining & Engineering solutions



The Marshall Mining & Engineering Solutions 2-day legislation workshop is being held on

the following dates / locations:

Hamilton: 22-23 October (first time in North Island) Get in quick, filling fast...

Christchurch: 24-25 October

The workshop provides valuable insight for individuals intending to sit Certificate of Competence examinations in the coming months.

For holders of CoC's, attendance at the workshop also counts towards Continuing Professional Development - Formal Training.

Contact NZ.Workshop@marshallmining.com or www.marshallmining.com/workshops for more information.

MITO mining and quarrying training

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



Contact MITO on 0800 88 21 21 to enrol.

Tai Poutini Courses

Tai Poutini Polytechnic currently have A Grade and B Grade courses running in Gore, Greymouth, Christchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North with enrolments accepted all year.

Students may be eligible for free fees, see more information [here](#).

[View the 2019 schedule here](#) and contact Nicole Scalmer on 03 769 9645 or nicoles@tpi.ac.nz





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