



THE NATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COUNCIL FOR THE
NEW ZEALAND MINING AND QUARRY SECTOR

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In the interests of safety in our industry please circulate widely.

May 2015

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Amendment to Notice of Requirements for Granting of Certificates of Competence

The Board of Examiners has issued a revised Gazette notice amending the details for Certificates of Competencies.

The first amendment deals with existing site specific certificates of competency to

manage a specified quarry. Current holders will need to:

- Hold a current site specific CoC;
- Complete the unit standard 26856 - Carry out the risk management processes at an extractive site: and,
- Hold a valid first aid certificate.

The second amendment deals with the need to attend an examination by a panel and adds the survey CoC to this list which now is:

- a. site senior executive;
- b. first-class mine manager;
- c. first-class coal mine manager;
- d. A-grade opencast coal mine manager;
- e. A-grade quarry manager;
- f. A-grade tunnel manager;
- g. coal mine deputy;
- h. electrical superintendent;
- i. mechanical superintendent;
- j. ventilation officer;
- k. winding engine driver;
- l. coal mine underviewer;
- m. mine surveyor.”

The details of the amendment to the Gazette Notice can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Courses:

Risk management course 26856

There are still a few places available for the next Jim Knowles course in May.

Contact Lisa Morrall, the course administrator lisa@jkgroup.com.au

Lessons from the recent fatalities

During the previous month two fatalities occurred in the mining and quarry industry and it is timely to revisit these two tragic events which remain under investigation by WorkSafe. While we do not know the full details for each incident we know enough from the WorkSafe statements to take another look at the specific areas of our operations where the fatalities

On successful completion of this course you will have met the qualification for the unit standard 26856 – Carry out the risk management processes at an extractive site.

Date: 6,7 May 2015

Venue: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

101 Curran Street
Westhaven Extension
Auckland New Zealand

Information on the course outline and on the course fees can be found [here](#).

Human Factors course 26855

NZ Mines Rescue Service are running a Human Factors Course throughout 2015. Analyse Human Factors present in workplace practices to determine how they contribute to incidents at an extractive site.

This unit standard is a new requirement for a Certificate of Competence (CoC) under the Health and Safety in Employment (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2013 for the following CoC holders:

- First Class Mine Manager
- First Class Coal Mine Manager
- A Grade Opencast Coal Mine Manager
- B Grade Opencast Coal Mine Manager
- A Grade Quarry Manager
- A Grade Tunnel Manager
- Coal Mine Deputy
- B Grade Tunnel Manager
- Coal Mine Underviewer

Dates:

occurred.

By offering the advice below, MinEx is not suggesting that these issues or activities were the cause of the two fatalities but the areas we suggest mine and quarry operators focus on have the potential to cause these types of incidents.

The Waimate limestone incident involved entanglement in machinery and consequently mine and quarry operators need to take a long hard look at two areas:

- The adequacy of guarding on machinery and WorkSafe have an excellent guideline entitled *Safe Use of Machinery* that can be found [here](#). There is also useful information in the draft guideline *Health and Safety at Opencast Mines, Alluvial Mines and Quarries November 2014* that can be found in section 13 headed *Machinery and Equipment located* [here](#): and,
- Isolation procedures designed to protect workers from inadvertent operation of machinery under repair. Again the draft guideline *Health and Safety at Opencast Mines, Alluvial Mines and Quarries November 2014* contains useful information in section 16 headed *Maintenance and Repairs* located [here](#)

The Oropi quarry incident involved an excavator rolling into the quarry and trapping the operator and we suggest that mine and quarry operators examine closely the following areas of their operations:

- Adequate bunding along quarry face

May 14/15 – Auckland

July 9/10 Dunedin

Aug 13/14 Rapahoe

Limited numbers so please email training.minesrescue@xtra.co.nz to register for this workshop as soon as possible

edges and again the draft guideline *Health and Safety at Opencast Mines, Alluvial Mines and Quarries November 2014* contains relevant information at section 5.3.9 *Edge protection*;

- Work procedures when working close to quarry faces; and,
 - The use of seatbelts when operating mobile plant.
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