



Apprenticeships are a go

A couple of weeks ago I asked for expressions of interest in the new extractive sector apprenticeship scheme which MinEx and MITO have been developing.

I'm delighted to report that so far I've had 17 responses from companies so the scheme is already viable. Any apprenticeship scheme can only work with strong support from employers and I commend you.

Companies willing to put up apprentices include Winstone's Belmont Quarry, AB Lime, Christchurch Readimix, Stone Central near Clyde, Blackhead Quarries, Hatuma Lime, alluvial operators in the Gisborne area - and include men and women of all ages.

This is a clear indication that employers want to see apprenticeships re-established in the extractive sector. I'm greatly encouraged and will now focus on getting the appropriate regime

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established to provide the necessary training both on-site (primarily) and off-site.

I acknowledge that MinEx has borrowed heavily from Civil Contractors NZ in developing the extractives apprenticeship model.

While 17 potential apprentices is enough to get the scheme underway, I'd welcome having a dozen or a hundred more. Don't forget, the Government's first year fees free fees model is actually two years fees free for those in apprenticeships and other trade training. So anyone who commits to an extractives sector apprenticeship will be able to do most of their training at little cost to themselves.

There's still work to do to get this underway, but apprenticeships are starting to roll.

Please consider if you have someone who would benefit from getting on board and let me know.

Stay safe - and enjoy this latest Train Brain.

Wayne Scott
CEO
MinEx

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Interested in an apprenticeship

If you, or one of your employees is interested in the new extractives sector apprenticeship scheme - let us know.



The pathway starts with MITO's New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (Level 2). This takes approximately seven months to complete and is most suited to those entering the industry.

Graduates can then proceed to the New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (Level 4) programme which will be ready for enrolments in 2019. It is

expected this will take approximately two years to complete.

And with free fees actually being **two** years fees free for those in apprenticeships and other trade training, there's no better time!

Fill out the [expression of interest form](#) and return it to wayne@minex.org.nz

MinEx leads response to new regs

After meeting with the AQA and IOQNZ Boards at the QuarryNZ conference, we've agreed that MinEx will provide the lead to some industry-wide consultation on the draft new Mining and Quarrying Regulations.

We will make a submission on behalf of the Extractives sector and are keen on your feedback on the suggested changes by **Fri 10 August 2018**. (You are also entitled to make your own submission directly but we see real benefit in aligned industry responses). Submissions are due to MBIE by Friday 17 August 2018.



Here's a summary of the major proposed changes affecting quarries:

It is proposed that a separate section containing quarry regulations be added to the regulations. These will include:

- Requirement for a Health and Safety Management System (HSMS) or Safety Plan. The system/plan must take into account the size, nature and complexity of the site and must include risk management. For simple operations the system should be easy to understand, small and relevant to the operation. There will be no requirement for Principle Hazard Management Plans nor will any quarry be required to have a Site Senior Executive (SSE). The HSMS will be developed by the operator/owner and implemented and maintained by the CoC holder (Manager).
- The B-grade Quarry Manager CoC will be limited to sites employing four or fewer people, which is largely the situation that existed prior to these regulations. The BoE will reconsider what Unit Standards will be required for this revised CoC and we believe will consult with industry on this. It is possible that a B Grade will be able to supervise a quarry of more than four

staff under the guidance of an A Grade Manager but this is up for further discussion.

- Quarries that are not winning or processing material or have ceased winning or processing material will be classified as "dormant quarries" and will be exempt from the regulations. An example here is a Council quarry where a contractor is employed to blast and crush roadbase and put it into stockpile. Once stockpiled and the contractor leaves the site, this will become a dormant quarry. Such sites will be required to notify WorkSafe that they are now dormant quarries.
- Quarries will be required to report notifiable incidents to WorkSafe and complete a quarterly statistical report to WorkSafe.

[See the full consultation document here.](#)

Please send feedback on the above, or any other issues you have to me
- wayne@minex.org.nz before Friday 10 August 2018.

Third MinEx workshop for Invercargill



There's been strong support and attendance for MinEx's series of regional workshops.

So far we've run regional workshops in four centres, with a focus on health and safety management.

Across the meetings in Palmerston North, Waipukurau, Gisborne and Whakatane

we've had nearly 120 attendees.

Our next workshops get underway next month, and there's been so much interest down in the deep south we have arranged a THIRD workshop for Invercargill - Thursday 9 August from 9:30am till 12:30pm.

The format of all other workshops is 3.00pm till 6.00pm, followed by refreshments and general discussion. Venues to be confirmed.

Registration is free - and 3 hrs formal CPD applies.

To RSVP [contact MinEx](#) today.

MinEx regional workshops

Workshops are filling fast! So fast that we have now just announced a THIRD workshop in Invercargill.



In some venues it's just not logistically possible to add in a second (or third) workshop - so if you'd like to take up this opportunity for some FREE CPD hours, [register today.](#)

The workshops provide an introduction to Health and Safety Management Systems - what they are, and how to develop one. The elements covered in each workshop are:

- Risk Management
- Workplace Inspections
- Plant
- Training & Competency
- Emergency Response.

You will be provided with a simple HSMS template with forms to use in your operation.

Cromwell

Tues 7 August
St Johns Rooms
94 Barry Ave

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Invercargill

Wed 8 August **FULL**
Thurs 9 August 3pm **FULL**
Thurs 9 August 9.30am
NEW DATE

Club Southland
115 Leet Street

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Greymouth

Tues 14 August
Tai Poutini Polytechnic
73-87 Tainui Street

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Tai Poutini Polytechnic
& J Swap Contractors

Blenheim

Wed 15 August
Marlborough Emergency
Operations Centre
4 Withers Road

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Ashburton

Weds 29 August
Venue tbc

Sponsored by Winstone
Aggregate

Paeroa

Tues 16 October
Pedlars Motel
2a Arney Street

Sponsored by
HG Leach & Co

Te Kuiti

Weds 17 October
Venue tba

Stratford

Thurs 18 October
Venue tba

Kerikeri

Weds 24 October
Venue tba

Dargaville

Thurs 25 October
Venue tba

3.00pm - 6.00pm, followed by refreshments and general discussion, venues to be confirmed.

Registration is free - 3 hrs formal CPD

Download a flyer for your noticeboard - [North Island flyer](#) or [South Island flyer](#)

To RSVP or to volunteer your place for a venue, contact [MinEx](#) today.

*Want to renew your CoC? You must keep a
record of your CPD hours.*

[Read more here](#)



Thanks to our sponsors

Fist pumps to all those organisations who have helped make our regional workshops possible. We really appreciate your support and sponsorship!



With a particular thanks to Mike Higgins from **J Swap** and John Crawley from **ASB Asset Finance** who have worked hard to bring sponsorship together for at least seven of our workshops.

CoC results

We are seeing a slightly worrying drop in B Grade oral exam pass rates.

After climbing last year, there were 18 candidates interviewed between April and June and only 10 passed.

I'd hope this is a minor blip but if you or one of your staff were one of the nearly one in two who failed, please [contact me](#) to discuss why this might have happened and what we can do to assist.



MinEx has worked hard over the last year on initiatives including the mentors scheme to support candidates.

I am pleased to see the cumulative percentage of competent candidates this year has slightly risen to 70%.

Let's work to keep that momentum.



Wayne Scott, CEO MinEx presenting at QuarryNZ 2018 Conference



***Did you know - you can re-sit your oral exam
three times?***

***A MinEx mentor will help you improve your
chances of passing.***

[Contact MinEx](#) today.

AusIMM 2018 Conference



**17 - 18 September 2018 - Trinity Wharf, Tauranga,
With pre conference field trips and an exploration forum.**

For more information [visit the conference website](#).

An evening with John Spence

The Canterbury Branch of CCNZ invites you to join them for a talk from International speaker John Spence about 'Leading Tough Times'.

Read [more details here](#).



When: Tuesday 7 August, 5-7pm
Where: Harewood Golf Club Rooms, Christchurch
Cost: \$50 CCNZ members/\$75 non-members
RSVP: canterbury@civilcontractors.co.nz by 3 August.

AusIMM Health and Safety Webinars

The AusIMM Health and Safety Committee have announced the following two workshops. It's exciting to note that more are in the pipeline. For more information and registration details click on the links below.

Webinars

[A better health scheme for coal miners - 8 August](#)

[Leadership: Safety - our most vital resource - 22 August](#)

IOQNZ Webinars, seminars and meetings

Here are the webinars IOQNZ have planned over the next few months. A great variety of topics from some very knowledgeable presenters.

Webinars

[People Assessment - Training and Development](#) - 24 August

Courses

Emergency Management

[Whangarei](#) - 1 August 8am to 5pm

[Hamilton](#) - 2 August 8am to 5pm

Meetings

[Northland Branch Awards Dinner](#) - 1 Sept, 6.00 - 11.00pm

Marlborough/Tasman Branch Meeting - 5 Sept, 5.30pm (Sponsored by Russetts Nelson)

For more information contact [Ray Haley](#).

*[Online CoC applications](#) are processed quicker
than hard-copy applications.*

*To make your application go through
smoothly, make sure you use the checklist on
the application form*



Upgrade your CoC with Mines Rescue

If you would like to upgrade your CoC to a higher level, talk to Mines Rescue. From B to A Grade, A Grade to First Class Mine Manager, or you can add on specialist CoCs like Ventilation or Mechanical and Electrical if you have a trade background.



In many cases the upgrade from B Grade to A grade is

only a small number of units.

Mines Rescue Training opportunities range from distance options, assessment only options if you have the experience and knowledge, and small group training. For more information contact [Colin McDonnell](#) or call (03) 7627828.

Mines Rescue courses

See the schedules below for complete lists.

Prep for CoC Oral Exams

Christchurch - 24 August

If you are in a provincial area and unable to get a prep course before your oral exam, contact Mines Rescue for distance options

Water and Consents - US 21153, 21155, 21156

Christchurch - 28-29 August

Surfaces, Benching and Roding - US 8902, 8905 & 8909

Christchurch - 24-25 September

Human Factors - US 26855

Christchurch - 18 - 19 September

Ventilation for Tunnels & Underground Mines

Auckland - October

CIMS (Coordinated Incident Management) - US 17279 & 22445

Auckland - October

Reviewing Emergency Plans

Greymouth - September Risk Management - US 26856

Christchurch - 30-31 October

Incident Investigation - US 16686

Greymouth - 27 - 27 November

[North Island Schedule](#)

[South Island Schedule](#)

[SSE Schedule](#)

[A Grade Tunnel Manager Upgrade Schedule](#)

For more details email [Colin McDonnell](#) or call (03) 7627828.



*Everything you want to know about CPD hours
is covered in [this booklet](#).*

*If it's not, email
BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz*

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.

Courses coming up include:

Incident Investigation - US 16686

Palmerston North - 13-14 August

Dunedin - 6-7 November

Cambridge - 26-27 November

Human Factors - US 26855

Dunedin - 2-3 August

Auckland - 19-20 September

CIMS Incident Management - US 17279 & 22445

Auckland - 16-17 August

Risk Assessment - US 28983

Auckland - 9-10 August

Cambridge - 19-20 November

Dunedin - 18-19 December

See the [full schedule here](#). Contact MITO on 0800 88 21 21 to enrol.

ACT Safety Courses

ACT Safety run A & B Grade, CPD and Oral Exam courses all over New Zealand.

Here are the CoC courses scheduled for the rest of 2018.



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

Oral Exam Preparation

Auckland - 30 October

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

Dunedin - 2 days 8 & 12 October or 5 & 9 November

Operating & Safety/Leadership/Emergency Management/Legislation - 8hrs CPD

Auckland - 29 October

Risk Management - Unit Standard 28983

Auckland - 9-10 August

Cambridge - 19-20 November

Dunedin - 18-19 December

Human Factors - Unit Standard 26855

Dunedin - 2-3 August

Auckland - 19-20 September

Incident Investigation - Unit Standard 16686

Palmerston North - 13-14 August

Dunedin - 6-7 November

Cambridge - 26-27 November

CIMS Training - Unit Standard 17279 & 22445

Auckland - 16-17 August

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

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

Want to know more about oral exams? What it will be like? How you'll be assessed?

[Check out this document!](#)



Tai Poutini Courses

Here's the courses running at Tai Poutini Polytechnic over the next couple of months. Programmes are currently held in Gore, Greymouth, Christchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North with enrolments accepted all year.



July

Environment – US 21151

Explosives – US 17694 & 21152

August

Plant Selection – US 15658 & 25878

Human Factors – US 26855

Water – US 21153

Management of Environmental Effects – US 21154, 21155, 21156

September

Prepare Safety Inspection Plans – US 8902

Explosives – US 17694 & 21152

Water – US 21153

2018 students may be eligible for free fees, see more information [here](#).

[See the full schedule of dates](#) or contact Nicole Scalmer on 03 769 9645 or nicoles@tpp.ac.nz



***If you know of anyone who would like to
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