

Full range of CoC training and more H+S forums this year

The additional year now provided for updating and achieving Certificates of Competence is seeing a full range of training now available.

Additionally, MinEx is now finalising with WorkSafe more forums on health and safety issues and for the quarrying sector. MinEx ran several such forums last year alongside WorkSafe, with more than 300 people attending the interactive sessions.

The first centres being considered include Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Nelson. The forums can qualify towards CPD hours. Watch www.minex.org.nz for details on dates and venues.

Meanwhile, **ACT Safety, Tai Poutini Polytechnic, and Mines Rescue Trust** – the accredited providers of extractives industry safety courses are now offering courses running across a span from early March until the middle of November.

Tai Poutini is running A Grade courses in Auckland, Christchurch, Greymouth and Nelson. These involve 10 workshops which includes units necessary to upgrade CoCs. Courses are typically 3 days long.

B Grade courses are being run in Auckland, Waikato Taranaki, Palmerston North and Napier; Christchurch, Blenheim, Alexandra, Greymouth and Te Anau. Courses usually take between 2 and 4.5 days. See www.tpp.ac.nz/industry-training/school-of-mines/ or email Nicole Scalmer: nicoles@tpp.ac.nz or phone 03 769 9645.

ACT has courses for planned for Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton,

Paeroa/Waihi, Gisborne, Taupo, Christchurch and Oamaru.

Other courses will be scheduled as enquiries come in. ACT's courses are in 2 Day blocks with some pre-course work but no post-course work involved. Details at www.actsafety.co.nz/extractives-units/.

Both Tai Poutini and ACT advise that courses are dependent on a minimum number of students.

Mines Rescue is providing a course for Explosives Units 17694 and 21152 at Raetihi in the Central North Island on April 7/8. Accommodation will be available on site or nearby. An A grade training course is scheduled in Reefton on 21/22 April, depending on numbers.

A one-day seminar on the Health and Safety at Work Act and the 2013 mining and quarrying regulations can be run anywhere there is sufficient demand.

Also on offer from Mines Rescue is a three-day leadership training course for supervisors, emergency response training for companies and a G3 (11-15 April) and G7 (3-5 May) in Christchurch, aimed at senior site executives. Another one is planned for the North Island later in the year.

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IOQ courses add to professional development

There's considerable discussion going on in the quarry sector about the new requirements for Continuing Professional Development, with a 24 hour annual CPD requirement for an A Grade CoC holder and 12 hours per year for a B Grade.

Since last year's QuarryNZ conference, the IOQNZ has worked with the Institute of Quarrying Australia (IQA) to develop some specialist CPD courses as well as Webinars.

IOQ and the IQA have two environmental engineers, Tegan Smith and Clayton Hill, with more than 30 years combined quarrying experience doing one day courses in April on environmental management. These will allow IOQNZ members and other quarry workers to gain an awareness of environmental management across the quarry industry together with practical measures and strategies to reduce or ameliorate any issues.

Each course is 8 hours long and six (6) hours of that are approved for formal CPD.

The course is delivered across 8 modules:

- Compliance and reporting
- Water management
- Soil and Erosion
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Rehabilitation
- Community Liaison
- Oil, grease and chemicals

Courses will be held on two successive days in Matamata on April 4 and 5 and in Christchurch on April 7 and 8.

Anyone can register; IOQNZ Members receive a discount. Details at

<http://ioqnz.co.nz/2016/03/webinars-and-cpd-programmes/>

The first IOQ webinars - on the new Health and Safety at Work Act were presented in March by Philip Fourie from WorkSafe.

IOQ president Les Ward says the organisation is also looking at developing more Webinars because many small operators find it difficult to travel and attend training courses.

Participants in a webinar can simply login and listen to a presentation in quiet room at work or home. All that's required is a computer and functioning Internet although headphones are recommended. Watch the IOQ website for more details www.ioqnz.co.nz

