



Rolling towards a new way to train

MinEx has been instrumental in setting up a new advisory group with MITO, our industry trainer.

Ok, I know just because people are shuffling into a new carriage, this does not make a train move.

That said, I'm confident the [Extractives Industry Training Advisory Group](#) can work MITO to enable fairly rapid implementation of the Board of Examiners' agreed changes to CoCs.

In fact, the work has begun. The EITAG will also provide leadership on moving to a qualification based CoC system and establish the best model(s) for delivering training and assessment services in the mining and quarrying sector.

MITO is currently trialling a more flexible

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approach, using site-based delivery for training and assessment. If we can get this rolling, it will be especially welcome in those many workplaces in smaller or remote locations where it's hard to get learners to attend classroom-based courses. But to ensure a site-based delivery model can work as an alternative to classroom-based training, we will require increased numbers of approved workplace trainers and assessors.

This all represents considerable potential change and I want your feedback on where you would see plusses and minuses in having site-based training and assessment available as an alternative.

And, of course, I need to work with MITO to increase the pool of suitably qualified trainers and assessors should an alternative model(s) become an option.

If you are currently working as a trainer and assessor, or know anyone who might be prepared to be one, please contact me asap - 021 944 336 or email wayne@minex.org.nz

It doesn't help that meantime, WorkSafe, is saying it won't allow BoE panel members to also train and be mentors to oral exam candidates. The mentoring system MinEx has developed is helping get people ready for exams - and the latest results show it. I am taking this up strongly with WorkSafe.

This Train Brain carries details of a [training and supervision forum](#) next month in Palmerston and what hopes to be a series of workshops run by MinEx in regional centres.

And, the usual range of course details.

- [Tai Poutini Courses](#)
- [ACT Safety Courses](#)
- [Mines Rescue Courses](#)

Work hard, stay safe

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Training and supervision forum in balmy Palmy

Palmerston North has been topping some of the weather highs this summer so let's hope the sun is still shining on Friday March 23.



WorkSafe and MinEx are bringing together an [all-day workshop](#) to equip extractives sector decision-makers with tools and knowledge to achieving best practice training and supervision.

The extractives industry encompasses workers in the Mining, Alluvial and Quarrying and Tunnelling industries. It's designed for quarry and mine managers, supervisors and Site Senior Executives.

There will be some top people there including WorkSafe's new COO Phil Parkes and Paul Sutton from the IOQ Australia.

Check out the [wide range of topics and speakers here](#).

Where: Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre, 354 Main St

When: 23 March 2018

Time: 9am to 5pm

[Register today](#)

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

Improve your chances of passing your Oral



CoC exam - get yourself a mentor!

[Contact MinEx](#)

MinEx planning regional forums with risk management focus

WE'RE COMING TO YOU!

I'm shortly hoping to see confirmed a series of regional workshops in 17 regional centres as small as Kerikeri and Cromwell.

The workshops will cover off risk management, workplace inspections, plant, training and competency and emergency response.

They will be timed from mid-afternoon, covering three hours, so as to minimise workplace disruption.

Watch this space!

WorkSafe ruling on mentors not helpful

We were disappointed recently when the Board of Examiners sent an email to BoE panel members telling them that they should not be mentoring oral exam candidates.

The logic was that no applicant should get an unfair advantage - that they've learnt from their studies and work experience rather than 'demonstrate an ability to remember facts.'



I've got a high regard for the BoE but I think they've made a wrong call here.

MinEx has set up a network of mentors across New Zealand in recent months to address the appalling pass rate, particularly for B Grade CoC oral exam candidates.

I think our mentors can take considerable credit for the improvement which has seen B grade pass rates go just 40% of B grade CoC applicants to more than 80% in the last quarter of 2017.

Yes, some mentors are also BoE panel members. I am sure they understand the boundaries of what is appropriate and would, for example, exclude themselves from sitting on a panel where someone they have mentored is being assessed.

I'm hoping WorkSafe will reconsider its position here.

Be responsible, not a rogue



WorkSafe recently commented that it has done a survey which identified 1,200 quarries nationwide, including several that were totally unknown at that point. I have been visiting small sites since taking on the job six months ago and while some welcome my advice, others are still trying to [stay below the radar](#).

WorkSafe now knows where every quarry site is located, so unregistered quarries need accept they can no longer fly under their radar.

The longer small quarries operate without health and safety requirements in place, the more risk they create of serious injuries or fatalities. We don't want another year like 2015 when three deaths occurred in unregistered quarries.

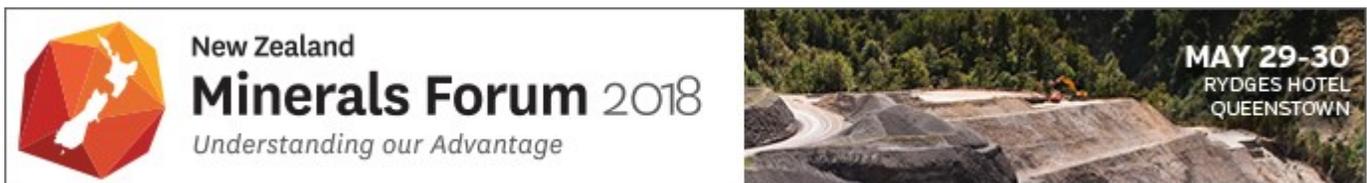
Get on board with training yourself and your staff now, and develop the systems and plans you need. Remember, If you need any support, MinEx is happy to help.

Webinars, attending AGMs, workshops - you can

earn CPD hours many ways - check them all out [here](#)



Minerals Forum filling fast



There are only 50 places left at the 2018 Minerals Forum - so if you've been thinking about attending - do it NOW.

The programme features leading local and international speakers, presenting on topics including:

- Mineral investment opportunities
- Exclusive industry announcements
- Regulatory roadmap guidance and understanding the new government coalition
- Environmental compliance and showcasing of best practice
- Leadership and direction for the mining sector in New Zealand.

Four streams are included in the main conference programme: Mine Managers' Forum; Coal Users' Forum; Investment Opportunities; Scale Aggregates and Industrial Minerals. They will provide a range of training opportunities to upskill and gain required industry accreditations and CPD hours.

[View the full programme details](#)

Concrete NZ HSWA Workshops

Half day workshops are being held by the Concrete Association on the Health and Safety @ Work Act.

The workshops are targeted at all sectors in the concrete industry. Those who work outside of the immediate concrete industry would however, also benefit from attending.



The workshops are designed to bring you 'up-to-speed' with developments around the Act, and will provide practical and informative advice on:

- The major requirements of the Act (a recap)
- Summary of cases decided under the Act, and how these compare to the old Act
- Implications of case law relating to the Act
- WorkSafe New Zealand's observations over the past 2 years
- WorkSafe New Zealand's view on issues not being adequately addressed
- Health related illnesses from dust and noise
- Update on pending WorkSafe New Zealand's guidelines
- Overview of concrete industry specific issues addressed under the Act, and those requiring further attention.

Auckland - 5 March 9am - 1pm
Christchurch - 8 March 9am - 1pm
Wellington - 9 March 9am - 1pm

For more details and registration [see the attached flyer](#).

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.

IOQNZ Webinars

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

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 Torstonson](#)

Tai Poutini Courses

Tai Poutini Polytechnic propose to run the *National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction A Grade)* Level 5 programmes in: Greymouth, Gore and Hamilton.



And,

The *National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction B Grade)* Level 5 programmes in: Gore, Greymouth, Palmerston North 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/>

Enrolments are now open!

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

You must confirm your CoC oral exam **two weeks** before exam day - or lose your slot!

[Find out more 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 over the first half of this year.



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

COC CPD Courses

Explosives - Unit Standard 17694 & 21152

Dunedin - 8-9 May

Oral Exam Preparation

Auckland - 29 March

Auckland - 28 June

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

Dunedin - 2 days 19-20 March

Auckland - 2 days 18 & 19 June

Risk Management - Unit Standard 28983

Dunedin - 14-15 May

Auckland - 29-30 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 - 16-17 May

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 or dianne@actsafety.co.nz

Mines Rescue Courses

As usual Mines Rescue will offer courses throughout 2018. Here are some on offer for the first half of 2018. See the schedules below for complete lists.

If you are interested in upgrading your existing CoC to a higher level, contact them - it may be much simpler than you think!



Prep for CoC Oral Exams

Auckland - 27 March

Christchurch - 26 March & 26 April

Greymouth - 9 April

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

Legislation - US 28742

Greymouth - 10 & 11 April

Christchurch 24 & 25 April

Water and Consents - US 21153, 21155, 21156

Greymouth - May

Christchurch - June

Risk Management - US 26856

Auckland - 10 April

Incident Investigation - US 16686

Auckland - 8 May

Underground Ventilation - US 177705

Auckland - 3 days over March, April and May

Safety Units - US 2401, 3271 & 8922

You will be assessed individually for these units at your work site

Plant Maintenance - US US 22903, 22904 & 22905

Available as either distance learning or RPL/RCC depending on your experience and knowledge.

Mining Legislation Advanced - US 7142

Auckland - June 2018

[North Island Schedule](#)

[South Island Schedule](#)

[SSE Schedule](#)

[Mechanical/Electrical Superintendent Schedule](#)

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



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