

FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

promoting quality in the first aid industry



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First Aid Conference 2012

AECTP's 2012 National First Aid Conference held on 20th November 2012 was well received

Thank you to all those who attended Conference.

Feedback indicated that people especially appreciated the technical updates and the 90% overall satisfaction rating was excellent. The suggestions were helpful and, besides the sound system, feedback also suggested we may need to consider differentiating the provider needs (e.g. evaluative SA) versus the FA practitioner's needs. Concurrent break out session/s may be the answer and will be considered for next year.

2013 First Aid Conference confirmed

Tuesday 19th November 2013 —Brentwood, Wellington

Please let us know your ideas and requests for Conference

Currently suggestions for Speakers and Topics are:

- Shock Management
- Overseas specialist as a Key Note speaker
- More discussion relating to NZQA
- MBIE—Labour Group, Medical perspective

Consultation results in NZQA U-Turn

Thank you to all members who wrote and supported the need for a review of 6400 Expiring. What assisted was a recognition of what is NOT covered in 26552 and how this does NOT meet the needs of medium or higher risk industries, nor indeed for helping people in First Aid emergency situations whether during sports and recreation, on the road or at home injuries. Given the lower level and ostensibly non-practical nature of the unit standard, does not give people the practical skills which should be the focus of FA.

AECTP members is seen as a valuable feedback stream for NZQA due to their commitment to quality First Aid training provision. The Board was pleased when NZQA's decision was able to be announced at conference, as follows ...

6400 series first aid unit standards

28 Nov 2012

In response to feedback from the sector, NZQA has agreed to remove the existing expiry date of December 2013 for the 6400 series first aid unit standards.

More work will be undertaken in 2013 on the first aid needs of businesses, government agencies, and learners. NZQA will provide further advice on how it will run this process early in 2013.

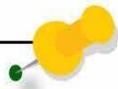
ECI 2 Revalidations a success—Five people took advantage of our offer to arrange a Resuscitation Council *Emergency Care Instructors Level 2* revalidation course. The course took place at the Council's Wellington offices at The Terrace the day before our November FA Conference. Very positive feedback, and a call to a course annually was received following Steve Jenkins course.

Next ECI 2 Reval—Monday 18th November 2013

To secure consistency, we have requested that the same offer be available next year. Attendees must book directly via the *NZ Resuscitation Council website*. Student-tutor ratios are managed (5x minimum, 6 maximum) so early booking is strongly recommended.

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Letter From The Chair

Hello AECTP Members

A big thank you to all who attended the AGM and the recently held conference. It is always a challenge trying to cover content in a conference in a manner and format that provides insight to all who attend. Board members on the organising subcommittee dedicated additional time, over and above their usual board responsibilities, to bring an excellent convention to you and are to be commended for their wonderful efforts.

It is indicative of the on-going and developing relationship that AECTP has with the NZQA that the conference was opened by Dr Karen Poutasi, CE, NZQA. We are now recognised as a Peak Body for the industry and at a strategic level our intent is to represent your interests at the highest levels.

As announced at the conference and as confirmed by latter correspondence, the NZQA have reviewed the situation around the 6400 series unit standards and they will now not expire at the end of 2013 as originally promulgated by them.

We will endeavour to keep you up to date and informed around this issue as information comes to hand.

We are having a planning day early next year to review our strategic plan and look at progress against it. We will review where we are at and redirect our focus as necessary. Thoughts and comments from the membership will be gratefully accepted.

The board representation and appointments were confirmed at the AGM and those appointments are listed in the newsletter.

It's been a busy year for board members with changes to board appointments, regular board meetings, organising a conference, growing the membership, developing strategic plans, sorting the accounts, providing regular updates and newsletters, and attending the increasing number of forums that we get to engage in as our relationship with NZQA develops.

I thank all the members of the board for the support they provide to the membership, to each other, and to AECTP as a concept.

I wish members, stakeholders, and those associated with AECTP a very Merry Xmas.

All the best to your families and I trust that you travel safely wherever you may go and we all look forward to a prosperous and productive New Year in the emergency Care Training environment.

Julian Price

AECTP Deputy Chairperson



We wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing Christmas and holiday season

Membership fees

Payment is due by the AM each year, so any final reminders will be sent at that time, then steps will be taken to discontinue the membership. This will ensure that only paid up members get the benefits of membership.

AECTP Meetings

October 2012 — February 2103

Members welcome

- 12 Oct 12, Board Meeting, Wgt
- 19 Nov 12, ECI 2, Reval, Wgt
- 5 Dec 12, NZQA PTE Forum, Wgt
- 20 Nov 12, Annual Meeting, Wgt
- 20 Nov 12, FA Conference, Wgt
- 22 Feb 13, Board Meeting, Wgt
- 22 Feb 13, Strategic Meeting, Wgt

AECTP Strategic & Annual Plans

The Annual Meeting detailed good progress against our Strategic and Annual Plans indicating a number of actions are already completed and others are in-progress against the plans objectives. Membership feedback, ideas and input into the direction and priorities is valued and members are invited to attend the planning meeting or, if unable to, can contribute via email.

AECTPs next Planning meeting is scheduled for Friday 22nd February 2013, at 1pm (i.e. immediately following the Board Meeting, and will be held in Wellington. Subcommittee feedback is also considered.

All feedback is welcomed.

Please email us your ideas or RSVP if you wish to attend the meeting.

AECTP Finances

Our AECTP finances are now fully formatted into an electronic template and maintained every 2-3 weeks, with reconciliations against the monthly Bank Statements.

We are very lucky to have the assistance of a well qualified accounts person who is kindly volunteering her services to AECTP.

Newslink

NZQA Rules Reminder-

Rules video clip it is worth checking out on <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqa-rules-work-programme/> Rules are very important as they're compulsory for registration.

Correspondence

The Board continues to engage fully with NZQA managers on FA quality and training matters. So please email us your views.

First Aid Assessment Best Practice

Following feedback from the sector NZQA agreed to work on First Aid Assessment Best Practice document. The ideas were drafted then after further feedback are now in their final version. Please note that these will form a blueprint for good practice for compliance.

Rules approved by end Dec

- Rules for PTE registration
- NZQF qualifications and operational rules
- Programme approval and accreditation rules
- External evaluation & review
- Student fee protection rules

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NZQA PTE Peak Body Forum

Attendance at the Peak Body forum has provided AECTP direct input into addressing quality issues. Three areas specific to First Aid included:

- Quality Assurance Division — AECTP attended the peak body provider feedback meeting providing feedback for the independent review of evaluative quality assurance, completed by an external group which included international representatives who reviewed NZQA's EER processes. The final report shows this is the right approach for NZ tertiary education, and implementation is successfully started; that research and literature indicates this is likely to improve valued learner outcomes; and that it is critical that NZQA continues to improve EER to ensure consistency and fairness; and that further work is needed to build and maintain capability of evaluative quality assurance, especially self-assessment. The report will contribute and develop the second round of EERs.
- Provide examples re TRoQ where FA unit standards used within industry qualifications show that utilising "26551 & 26552 workplace first aid" were clearly inadequate. Interestingly, one ITO has now deleted FA to facilitate completions, while others wanted 6400 (or an equivalent—L3, practical and specific scenario based learning) reinstated.
- Pre-learning best practice is not indicated by NZQA. Some providers within the FA sector have taken advantage of this by including "limited and regularly not completed" pre-learning so they can provide 6400 series in 6-8 hours, putting considerable commercial pressure on the sector. AECTP will discuss pre-learning best practice with NZQA early 2013.

Training Schemes—NZQA received so many applications that they needed to commence processing TEC applications first. This is because TEOs who rely on TEC funds are restricted to an end of year decision time-frame. The remaining Training Scheme applications will be due within the first few months of 2013, however TEOs will be notified when their application information is due. The NZQA Rules title on the front page of the NZQA website includes the Training Scheme Rules—each training provider must have at least one approved course to maintain registration.

QA monitoring—AECTP anticipates working closely with NZQA to ensure the First Aid review provides a level playing field with robust and transparent compliance criteria, thus establishing a level playing field of compliance.

NZQA have, following Dr Poutasi's opening address at conference, now indicated that the compliance monitoring position within the QA Risk team will be advertised early next year.



New Zealand ShakeOut, the national earthquake drill scheduled saw well over the targeted 1 million participants being involved across New Zealand. The exercise is reported as being very successful and the ShakeOut spotlight states "releasing a mix of cool ideas that are being used to share the ShakeOut!".

As we know, First Aid provided by ordinary people made all the difference to outcomes in the Canterbury EQs, so thanks to all providers who got involved.

Member Q & A

The question below was raised by members and is listed in our Annual Plan. This has now been addressed.

The question: can AECTP membership be broadened to include the needs and interests of interested people who were not actually FA Providers; people may include but not be limited to: FA tutors (from member organisations or individual/freelance); those who leave a member organisation but wish to be kept informed; those whose school/PTE does not have the money or inclination to join as an organisation but still individually are committed to quality; those who are committed to quality and wish to keep up with the play; those who may be interested from Govt. organisations, other related organisation such as ITOs; those listed in the PECANZ transition document.

The Board agreed that Rule 7 be amended and a Remit was subsequently accepted at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Rule 7 has now been amended as follows:

Associate membership may include any organisation or interested individuals with a demonstrated interest in the first aid training industry, but does not allow an organisation or interested individuals to appoint individual organisation members or employees to stand for appointment/election to the Board or to vote at Board elections or AECTP decisions, nor utilise the AECTP logo. This category of membership is eligible for all other member benefits.

Please let us know of anyone you think may like to consider joining AECTP. We will send our Rules and Ethics documents for signing and our membership subcommittee will put the recommendation to the Board.

Board Member Notes

Ann Gill: A Personal Perspective

I am a nursing lecturer at Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) and one of my long term passions is that of basic first aid. It is my belief that without the knowledge of the first aider in any community there is nobody for either the paramedics or hospital staff to work with, thus first aid is a significant life skill. Although first aid is not difficult, it does take practical skills, good common sense and maintaining up to date knowledge.

One of my roles at SIT is to undertake first aid classes for a variety of programmes within various faculties. Apart from meeting students and staff from different areas of study the challenge of identifying the specific first aid needs of each group of students is extremely positive. The needs of joinery students are quite different to those of the nanny students for example.

Over the years I have been taking first aid classes, I have felt the need to be affiliated to a support body, a group to share my moments of excitement, the concerns of specific issues as well as maintaining my own competence, AECTP has meet these needs. I value the sharing of experiences of other providers, their ways of presenting material and keeping up with the changes that are always occurring in the management of the increasingly severe injuries the first aider of today must contend with. Separating the skills of the registered nurse from those of the first aider is important – the first aider must use common sense and frequently has none of the equipment one would find in a clinical setting.

The recent conference held in Wellington was an excellent example of the cross section of issues associated with first aid. Topics including class management, water rescue and drowning, NZQA requirements and drugs and alcohol were considered. There was also the opportunity for anyone wishing to revalidate their New Zealand Resuscitation Instructor documentation to do so.

I am very happy to encourage any other RN with a passion for first aid and a sense of community spirit to become involved with AECTP, there is no doubt you find support, encouragement and updated knowledge.

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