

# FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

*promoting quality in the first aid industry*

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## NZ Resuscitation Council updates

**New Guidelines**—these are expected from December, following the release of ILCOR's consensus on science and treatment recommendations. A fuller update will be given at Conference.

**Meeting our needs**—The NZ Resuscitation Council is very keen to ensure appropriate involvement with bystander, first aid and first responder rescuers. Council will be seeking feedback in the coming months and will appreciate hearing your thoughts about how it can better meet our members' needs and what works well. More on this at our Conference.

**ANZCOR First Aid Guidelines**—AECTP has provided feedback for the next four NZ Resuscitation Council First Aid Guidelines (9.2.7 Anaphylaxis; 9.2.5 Asthma; 9.4.3 Envenomation; 9.1.3 Burns) which are currently being discussed for co-badging with ARC prior to being released onto the NZRC website later in 2015.

## ECIL2 Recertification, AM and our 2015 First Aid Conference

**2015 ECIL2 Annual Recertification— 5pm Tues 17 Nov 15** — Book your attendance for the ECIL2 refresher course directly through the NZ Resuscitation Council website. Updates will be provided by Steve Jenkins, NZ Resuscitation Council. This Refresher will be available at **NZ Resuscitation Council, 69 The Terrace, Wgt.**

<http://www.nzrc.org/training/ECI/ECI-bookings>

**Annual Meeting, Wednesday 18 Nov 15**—This year, the AM will be held during the lunch hour the day of conference to facilitate attendance of those members who have experienced early arrival times due to flight difficulties.

**2015 First Aid Conference, 9.30-4.30pm Wednesday 18 Nov - a great programme includes Professor Hugh Grantham, Australia. 9.30am—4.30pm 18/11/15, Brentwood Hotel, Wellington.**

## NZQA representatives attended an AECTP Board Meeting

NZQA representatives accepted our invitation and attended a recent board meeting in Christchurch.

The attendees from NZQA were: Jane von Dadelszen (Deputy CE & Lead of Quality Assurance Division), Rebecca Boyack (Manager, Risk Management), Julia Parrott (Business Analyst).

We had a good, frank, open exchange of concerns and considerations over a 2 hour meeting. We covered a range of topics including, category 3 providers and subcontracting issues, pre-course material accuracy and validity, 26551/26552 length and time of expiry, and refresher courses. Also covered were areas of where NZQA responsibility stops and starts and what The Skills Organisation are picking up on.

The Board felt the meeting clarified lines of communication and areas of responsibility and we are far clearer around who we should send letters and queries too when acting on behalf of the membership.

It was noted and appreciated that NZQA provided an excellent level of representation and took time to travel to Christchurch to meet with the Board.

AECTP being recognised as a peak provider has helped us establish an appropriate professional working relationship with NZQA for which our members will gain benefit.

**AED Apps — getting the message out there.** Have you seen the AED apps put out by both NZ Red Cross and St John yet? AECTP endorses all aspects of AED education as they save lives.

**Secretarial assistance** — The Board has agreed to obtaining secretarial assistance where appropriate and Wendy Blount has kindly offered to help out, which is much appreciated.

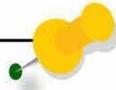
**NZQA website - [quality-assurance-first-aid.pdf](#)**

A quick reminder to check out: [quality-assurance-first-aid.pdf](#)

**Medical First Responder Qualification** — Skills Organisation continues to work the sector on the development of this Level 3, 40 credit NZ Certificate. The working group is tasked to bring feedback to the meetings and the qualification development is now taking shape towards a step by step learning progression which offers learners more flexibility for gaining PHEC, or PHEC plus skills or entering into more advanced ambulance quals.

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# Letter From The Chair

Hello all,

Well we start to move into a new era with NZQA now formally handing over the reins of the First Aid unit standards to The Skills Organisation. Your board has been very fortunate to meet in June with both NZQA and Skills and I must say that both meetings were very well received by both parties. NZQA will still maintain the Quality Assurance role (QA) of the First Aid Units and The Skills Organisation will in essence maintain the day to day running and maintenance of the units, this will see the latter maintaining the moderation component with the implementation of approved contractors to carry out our moderations, which will include Onsite moderations being carried out, so all in all there seems to be some very interesting positive themes developing within our industry.

Our Conference subcommittee have already started working towards developing this year's conference; you all need to start watching this space (especially these newsletters) and our website. We have opted again this year to engage the conference specialists that we used last year for registrations, and of course as members you will all be able to gain the benefit of the "Early Bird" Special (which will be beneficial financially for you). We need to boost the numbers for our conference, so how about you start talking to your friends, they do not need to be First Aid Tutors, they could be Physio Therapists, Nurses, Doctors, Dentists, anyone interested in our field, so let's all start talking to others and promote your conference. We have again enlisted the NZ Resuscitation Council to perform the ECIL2 revalidation, this is starting to fill up fast and there are limited places, please enrol urgently if you want to attend.

Most of you know our Independent Representative on the Board, Kate Nickson, well pleausrably Kate has had to take Maternity Leave, so Kate we wish you and your family well over this time and our thoughts will be with you all. Currently we have invited Jude Brasell back onto the board as a replacement, which meets our Rules; Jude has still to formally accept the role at the time of me writing this report.

Well you may all ask – how does this AECTP board work? And I must say I have been asked the question a few times by some of our members. As you are aware the board is made up of two NZ Red Cross, two St John, two PECANZ and two Independent representatives, and you may think that this is a recipe for disaster, well to the contrary, whist we have the two biggest First Aid Providers in New Zealand sitting at the same table, it is very pleasing to be the Chairperson of a group of well presented, loyal and professional people, every person on this board plays a very important role in maintaining the best practice for the New Zealand First Aid Industry, each person is respected for their views and the same goes for the organisation that they represent, yes discussion can be very meaningful from time to time, but that is where the professionalism comes to the fore. Your board has worked extremely hard to maintain a professional decorum with the likes of NZQA, Skills Org and the NZ Resus Council, to name a few, we have become a recognised Peak Body where the afore mentioned organisations are prepared to meet and discuss issues around First Aid, do you think for one moment that Government organisations would be prepared to travel long distances to sit around a table of non professionals? I think this last statement certainly speaks for itself, we are professional, we represent the best interest and best practices of our membership, and as a side I am very privileged to be the AECTP Board Chairperson.

Enrol early for conference and please remember we are your sounding board within the First Aid Industry, please do not hesitate to make contact with us [aectpnz@gmail.com](mailto:aectpnz@gmail.com) and please remember to visit the website <http://www.aectp.org.nz>

Regards

Eric Little, Chairperson

## Introduce another member to AECTP and get a free Conference Seat

The Board is still offering current members a free seat at the 2015 National First Aid Conference when you introduce another TEO to our membership list.

## AECTP Meetings - 2015

### Members welcome at Board Meetings

*Jude Brasell , City First Aid, is attending meetings while Independent member Kate Nickson is on Maternity Leave.*

*28 Sept, feedback due to Skills for TRoQ—First Responders*

*22 Sept, Ongoing meetings, Medical Response, Wgt/Auckland*

*2 Oct, Board Meeting CHCH*

*17 Nov, ECIL2 refresher, register at NZ Resuscitation Council, The Tce, Wgt*

*18 Nov , AM & FA Conference, Wgt*

*26 Nov , NZQA Peak Body forum, Wgt*

## AECTP Supports:

- *The 6400 series reinstatement*
- *The 26551 & 26552 expiry*
- *The First Aid Requirements Life skill document remaining*
- *The promotion that 6400 is the preferred Workplace FA course*
- *The adoption of clear Skills and NZQA website messaging to decrease ongoing confusion*
- *Course criterion based on the earlier DOL Guidelines, including work place 12hr requirement*
- *Quality training is an important value for First Aid industry to aspire to and underpins our Goals and Objectives*
- *Ongoing consultation with the sector, NZQA and Skills*
- *That FA training be guided by an agreed set of standards.*

## AECTP 2015 Planning

*Our 2015/16 Annual Plan is now in place; copies to be emailed to members with the AM documents and financial reports.*

*Incorporation—is progressing with documents forwarded.*

## NZQA AECTP Contacts

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## NZQA Announcement: A 'Universal' Record of Achievement

consultation feedback closed 28 Apr 2015

In March and April 2015, NZQA sought feedback from the tertiary education sector on a new proposal to expand the current Record of Achievement into a 'Universal' Record of Achievement (URoA).

The URoA would be an accessible, accurate, comprehensive and authoritative record of a learner's qualifications and other quality assured learning that is recognised in New Zealand.

Feedback was sought on:

- the perceived benefits and challenges of developing a URoA
- the mechanisms used to record New Zealand qualifications until the process is automated.

Respondents gave feedback on the discussion paper [Expanding the Record of Achievement \(PDF, 499KB\)](#).

### Summary of submissions and consultation feedback

NZQA received submissions from teachers, wānanga, private training establishments, institutes of technology and polytechnics, the Tertiary Education Commission, the Industry Training Federation and Ako Aotearoa.

### Substantial support for the idea

Respondents acknowledged the potential benefits stated in the above discussion paper and endorsed an expanded record of achievement by education organisations for the following reasons:

- A strong consensus on having the new New Zealand qualifications recorded on the record of achievement, as it is a logical move following the Targeted Review of Qualifications.
- The ease of use of a unique and authoritative document leading to a greater and clearer picture of overall achievement for the learner.
- Achievement of skills (regardless of where they were obtained) coexisting on a learner's record will assist with better cross-sector collaboration and recognising formal and informal learning.
- It will assist tertiary education organisations when enrolling new learners, and help with records management.

The cost and organisational impact of implementing the URoA for tertiary education organisations needs to be minimal.

### Recording the new New Zealand qualifications

The mechanisms used to record New Zealand qualifications until the process is automated did not generate many comments. A slight majority of education organisations favoured the extraction of information from existing data returns and education organisations verifying the information to be recorded. What is coming next?

In the meantime, NZQA has work underway to look at options for recording New Zealand qualifications and the approach, cost and system requirements to record achievement of all qualifications listed on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF).

NZQA is engaging with learners and is receiving their feedback on how an expanded record of achievement could be useful to them and what learners would want to be recorded on it.

As work continues to progress, NZQA will communicate on:

- what it has learned about what learners want and the URoA's functionality to be developed to meet their need
- how privacy and security requirements will be met
- the approach taken to recognise non-NZQF learning.

## Member Q & A—FA Review SSB responsibilities

**Member's question: What changes can we all expect now that The Skills Organisation was granted gazetted coverage for First Aid in late March 2015?**

**From The Skills Organisation:**

The standard-setting body (SSB) responsibilities for First Aid unit standards 6400, 6401, 6402, 26551, 26552 and 24549 has been transferred from NZQA National Qualifications Services to The Skills Organisation (who already have responsibility for pre-hospital emergency care).

**The FA Unit Standards Review** — is progressing well, with 6400, 6401 and 6402 being reinstated following a review with some updates; while 26551 and 26552 are being expired. This will be listed on the Skills website shortly, and will indicate that the 6400 series is the preferred first aid training for all.

Education organisations with consent to assess for unit standards 26551 and 26552 only, will automatically have their consent to assess extended to include unit standards 6400, 6401 and 6402.

To allow for industry training organisations with qualifications containing 26551 and 26552, a last date for assessment of 31 December 2019 has been set, however the recommendation is that 6400 series is completed instead.

**External Moderation** — will now be conducted by The Skills Organisation; who will contact education organisations who have indicated to NZQA that they will be assessing First Aid standards to confirm national external moderation requirements for 2015.

**The Training Requirements document**— [First Aid as a Life Skill: Training Requirements for Quality Provision of Unit Standards-based First Aid Training \(PDF, 60KB\)](#) remains current. Education organisations with NZQA accreditation to train and assess first aid must continue to meet the requirements.

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**CMR for First Aid (Ref: 0230)** - The Skills Organisation has completed the revision of the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). Enquires to 0508 SKILLS or [support@skills.org.nz](mailto:support@skills.org.nz):

**Date new version published June 2015**— The next CMR review is planned to take place during 2016. See the Skills website for details.

**Summary of Revision**— The Skills Organisation is now the Standing Setting Body for First Aid, and as such a revision of CMR 0230 was required in order to align it with Skills practices of Consent and Moderation Requirements.

**Compliance with new requirements**— Requirements for consent to assess will apply with effect from June 2015.

Moderation system requirements will apply with effect from June 2015.

Organisations with consent to assess will be expected to be able to demonstrate compliance with the CMR from December 2015 onwards.

### MAIN CHANGES

**Requirements for Consent to Assess (RCA)** - Standard Setting Body involvement in process for granting consent to assess. Changes made to reflect that a visit is only required at level 3 and above. Visit waiver conditions (see website).

Inclusion of the following: where an organisation with consent to assess wants to extend an existing consent to assess and has a record of successful delivery and assessment, or, where the level of consent to assess sought, combined with low numbers of unit standards, does not warrant a visit.

**Industry or sector-specific requirements for consent to assess**—No significant changes have been made to Criteria 1, 2, 3, or 8, other than reference to Skills.

### Moderation Requirements (MR)

**Moderation System**—The Skills moderation system has been incorporated to align requirements with Skill current practice. Skills will monitor the NZQA credit reporting schedule so there will now be no requirement for TEOs to submit an assessment plan.

**Reporting**— Skills reporting requirements have been included to align this section with current practice.

**Funding**— The associated costs of pre-assessment moderation have been inserted to align funding requirements with current practice.

**Non-compliance with moderation requirements** — The Skills non-compliance process has been included to align requirements with current practice.

**Appeals** — The Skills Appeals process has been included to align this section with current practice.