

FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

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EER—2016 Tertiary Evaluation Indicators (TEI)—a cross-sector working group, which includes NZQA Peak Body members, will meet in 2016 to establish new TEIs which will be used in the EER evaluative reviews of tertiary education organisations. The current TEIs are six years old, so the review will address the changes which have occurred at NZQA, including Mātauranga Māori Evaluative Quality Assurance, which are not reflected in the current TEIs.

New First Aid US—the new unit standards are now released. The Project Advisory Group worked hard to maintain the integrity of the valued 6400 series, and to ensure high quality First Aid training, while still maintaining well focused, practical assessments. Learning outcomes needed to be suitable for the level and provide skill development and demonstration of learning outcomes. First Aid training continues to be supported by the First Aid as a Life Skill Training Requirements documents.

Independent Tertiary Institutes (ITIs)—the term Private Training Establishment (PTE) is being replaced with ITI because it better describes who we are, it aligns with degree and masters level and it has positive connotations of independent thinking. It is supported by legal advice, Education NZ and the Ministry.

Many factors influenced this decision, such as the word “private” and “establishment” have positive & negative connotations abroad. ITI brings the title up to date and in line internationally.

Reasons for the change included that ‘Training Establishment’ was considered old fashioned; ‘private’ has different connotations in the international arena (elite US/Europe post graduate colleges are ‘private’ whereas can be considered ‘lower’ in Asia); those with Charitable Trust status are not “private”; ITI suggests independent thinking and ability to work together and aligns with independent secondary schools.

The title uses institutes (not institutions, due to connotations). Until “PTE” is changed in the NZQA law, it will remain and PTEs can transition to ITI using the suggested phrase: “ITI registered and approved by NZQA as a PTE”.

NZRC—National Conference-Pullman Hotel, Auckland Guidelines 2016—Evolving for Excellence

Registrations now open: www.nzrc.org.nz



ECIL2 Recertification, AM and 2016 First Aid Conference

2015 ECIL2 Annual Recertification — unfortunately the course was cancelled due to a totally unforeseeable issue for the Council’s tutor. This was both unexpected and regrettable. AECTP apologises to any members who were put out by this late cancellation. As there is a demand for this, the Board is looking at future options, so please let us know your thoughts on this.

Annual Meeting, 8.30am, Tuesday 22 Nov 2016—We are seeking feedback from members about going back to our previous Annual Meeting times, i.e. immediately prior to the First Aid Conference 8.30am—9.30am, to allow for more time than at lunch time which we trialled this year. Email us your preferences.

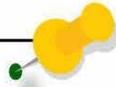
2016 First Aid Conference 10am-4.30pm Tues 22 Nov is confirmed Brentwood Hotel, Wellington. www.aectp.org.nz/ Great feedback shows the 2015 conference was highly valued.

New Resuscitation Council Guidelines— shortly, following considerable research, deliberation and agreement on the ILCOR’s consensus on science and treatment recommendations, the new Guidelines will be released. ANZCOR Co-Chair, Dr Richard Aickin’s presentation at our 2015 Conference provided an excellent outline of the review process and a glimpse as to what is likely to be released. **Council’s focus**—Later this month Councilors representing our Non-Health Professionals sector will meet to discuss Council’s focus. All feedback will be welcomed.

Medical First Responder Certificate— Skills Organisation has now completed this L3, 40 credit NZ Certificate qualification. Early next year the specific topics, learning outcomes and evidence requirements will be completed by the working group. The progression which the certificate offers allows flexibility for learners to develop skills incrementally and steps towards more advanced ambulance qualifications which will be advantageous.

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Letter From The Chair

Words from the Deputy Chair:

I am writing this message in place of Eric Little, AECTP Board Chairman, who is recovering from a fall. Suffice to say men should not try to multitask! Walking, thinking, and carrying stuff at the same time is not advisable. We have been informed that Eric is improving and on behalf of the Board and Members we wish him all the very best in his recovery.

- The recent AECTP Conference had an outstanding line up of speakers, covering very relevant messages and topics all very pertinent to the first aid industry. We had the largest number of attendees of our Conferences to date. These Conferences are an excellent way of supporting the AECTP membership base, generating interaction and support between providers and is a good opportunity to cover off and discuss issues relevant to the industry.
- I need to thank the hard working AECTB Board Members who put in an extraordinary effort to make this event such a success. I would also personally like to thank those that supported and helped when one of our Members had a medical event. He is now recovering and is looking to return to work.
- AGM: The result of the AGM which was conducted at the same time as the Conference passed all resolutions presented and current Board Members who put themselves forward for re-election were returned to positions on the Board. The finances as presented were accepted by the meeting. The Board has shown good stewardship around the finances and we are currently in a positive financial position and it was agreed at the AGM to provide some part time paid administration assistance in support of the association. This is a small but significant step in being able to continue outputs at a level needed to support the good work being undertaken.
- Our intent for the future is to continue to grow membership and provide a focus on and support quality delivery of first aid into New Zealand.
- During the year the Board has represented AECTP interests into NZQA and The Skills Organisation via PAG and TRoQ and we continue to monitor where we can strategically represent your interests in regard to the first aid training industry.
- I would like to thank all the Board Members, past and present, for their hard work and the personal time they dedicate in the interest of the Association.
- On behalf of the Board I wish to thank Members for their ongoing support. All the best to you and your families over Christmas and we wish you a prosperous New Year.

Julian Price, AECTP Deputy Chair

Graham Dennis reports

Two weeks ago a strong reminder to us all was provided, demonstrating just how fickle life can be. AECTP Chairman Eric Little was unfortunately involved in an accident which resulted in a serious fall downstairs, leading to a stay at Auckland Hospital's Critical Care Unit.

Plans are in progress for him to attend a specialist Rehabilitation Centre in Auckland as the next step to recovery. Eric's partner Heather would like to express her thanks to members who have sent flowers and messages of support.

Congratulations!!

To *Kate Nickson, FA Consultants Ltd* who was awarded a free seat at Conference by introducing a new member to AECTP.

This offer continues to remain open until further notice.

Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas



AECTP Meetings - 2016

Members welcome at Board Meetings

Thanks to Jude Brasell , City First Aid, who attended Board meetings while Kate Nickson was on maternity leave.

Feb, May, Aug, Nov - NZQA Peak Body forum, Wgt

Feb-Nov, 8x Board Meetings CHCH/Wgt

Apr—Incorporation completed

Feb, April continued feedback TRoQ— Medical First Responders devpt, Skills Org, Wgt/Auckland

21 Nov, ECIL2 refresher, ytbc Wgt

22 Nov , AM & FA Conference, Wgt

AECTP Supports the NZ Resuscitation Council as it progresses towards the 2016 Guidelines due to be released shortly.

- *Council representatives have worked hard over the last months to provide Guidelines which are based on evidence based research*
- *Council continues to co-badge Guidelines (including First Aid) as they come up for review*
- *AECTP members are encouraged to adopt any changes to the current Guidelines as soon as possible after their release into the public domain.*
- *The Council is reviewing their role within our sector with the aim of articulating priorities in 2016 .*

AECTP Incorporation

Following the receipt of legal advice re the filing of the AECTP Incorporation application, the final steps will be a priority for 2016.

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Member Q & A—FA Review SSB responsibilities

Member's question: *In what ways is it acceptable for PTEs to use the NZQA emblem in their website or for their own advertising of courses and does NZQA have any guidelines about the use of their emblem in advertising?*

The Issue—from time to time members notify the Board of providers who use the NZQA logo to promote their business and to show that they have positive links to NZQA.

NZQA clarification—Regarding copyright around the NZQA logo used in training providers course advertising, NZQA replies as follows:

NZQA, Lisa Gibbison, Office of the Chief Executive explains:

We are unable to give permission for the use of the logo in this instance. The NZQA logo, including its key elements, is a registered trademark, and use of it without NZQA permission will infringe New Zealand trademark laws.

Under which circumstances may a provider use the NZQA logo?

The following are uses of the NZQA logo for which permission can be gained:

- Award of qualifications Organisations that have been granted permission by NZQA to award qualifications may use the NZQA logo on these awards.
- Government agencies—Government agencies may use the NZQA logo only if NZQA has granted permission in writing.

Internet sites may link to NZQA websites or material on it, and use the NZQA logo in doing so. However, only the following statement about NZQA may be made when referring to NZQA: *"The New Zealand Qualifications Authority ensures that New Zealand qualifications are valued as credible and robust, both nationally and internationally"*.

NZQA's CAPA Requirements

Chartered Accountant Professional Attestation—NZQA's 4th November news release answered providers questions about the new review engagement standard, ISRE (NZ) 2400, who were seeking the services of a chartered accountant to complete their Chartered Accountant Professional Attestation (CAPA), as it related to NZQA's financial viability monitoring responsibilities.

Outcome—NZQA reports that the annual requirement for PTEs to have their financial statements reviewed by an independent chartered accountant under the new standard, ISRE (NZ) 2400, will continue, however the use of NZQA's customised CAPA form was discontinued and replaced with the independent Chartered Accountant review report would be prepared in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400. If the PTE chooses to have its financial statements audited rather than reviewed, NZQA will continue to accept an auditor's report.

Required forms—Therefore, NZQA's monitoring requirements for PTEs is to submit either of the following options, undertaken by an independent chartered accountant, and taking effect immediately.

Type of engagement	Document to be submitted to NZQA
Review	Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report
Audit	Independent Auditor's Report

Monitoring PTE financial viability—NZQA was mindful of potential costs to PTEs, however considers this strengthened requirement will adequately address its responsibility of monitoring the ongoing financial viability of PTEs as required under the Education Act 1989 and applicable rules.

Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report—is prepared by an independent chartered accountant and will enable NZQA to determine whether a PTE's financial statements have been appropriately prepared, and may also give an indication of the PTE's ongoing financial viability and solvency.

Further information—Refer to [Maintaining PTE registration](#) about annual reporting requirements or email gadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz.

Te Hono o Te Kahurangi—the NQF (New Zealand Qualifications Framework) which recognises educational achievement and its contribution to NZ's social, cultural and economic success, has released this discussion document about proposed changes to the Mātauranga Māori Evaluative Quality Assurance (MMEQA) Approach. It is now available for comment and feedback. Enquiries to Angela Karini, Senior Advisor, QA Division, NZQA, DDI 04 463 3199.

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