

FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

promoting quality in the first aid industry

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Association of Emergency Care Training Providers

EER — the New Key Evaluation Question

The new Key Evaluation Question (KEQ) will require training providers to demonstrate the following:

“How effectively are important compliance accountabilities managed?”. This relates to compliance to regulatory responsibilities and performance”.

TEOs must show adequate organisational purpose and strategic direction, e.g. change management and community engagement, including showing that:

- The TEO has effective compliance management processes ;
- The TEO conforms with relevant NZQA Rules;
- The TEO conforms with the Education Code of Practice 2016 (Pastoral Care of International Students);
- The TEO is consistent with NZQA Programme approvals;
- The TEO has policies and practices which are legal and ethical.

NZQA Rules Changes

- All TEOs will have to submit an annual statutory declaration;
- EER’s scope can change according to emerging information;
- NZQA can charge fees for EER reconsideration unless the reconsideration results in change of statements of confidence;
- NZQA can appoint individuals to oversee Category 3-4 TEO assessments;
- Category 3&4 ITOs could face the same restrictions as TEOs for new statutory approvals;
- Category 4 TEOs could be stopped from enrolling new students;
- Subcontracting notifications to NZQA specifications updated
- Clarification that subcontracting TEOs have ongoing responsibilities;
- English proficiency to be tested in enrolments in training schemes;
- Requiring TEOs to regularly review training schemes;
- Qualification developers may no longer need to apply for approval to develop a qualification, when there is a clear need for the qualification;
- Old versions of standards can only be assessed against up to 4 years after the new version is approved;
- Now, the loss of Code of Practice signatory status will be a course closure event.

There are also other minor changes, see the NZQA website.

2017 Annual Meeting & Conference

Registrations will open shortly through our registration portal online.

Annual Meeting—8.30am Tues 28 Nov 2017

The Board confirms the 2017 Annual Meeting will be held immediately prior to our 2017 National Conference 8.30am—9.30am as previously.

Conference 10am-4.30pm Tues 28 Nov 2017

Venue — Kauri Rooms, Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

Registrations open shortly here www.aectp.org.nz/

Both technical and educational, our speakers will appeal to a wide range of emergency care practitioners and tutors. We are delighted that we have a great line up of speakers including Professor Julie Considine, Deakin University.

Education—new Minister of Education

Following Hekia Parata’s resignation, the Prime Minister has announced that Nikki Kaye is the new Minister of Education.

NZQA Moderation in the Digital Age

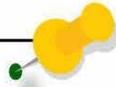
NZQA continues to progress with their staged release of digital moderation now embedded in a variety of subjects, and believes this will also enhance internal moderation processes.

NZQA Guidelines — new guidelines for listing assessment standards and consent and moderation requirements on the Directory of Assessment Standards is now released.

Student Fee Protection — the Public Trust’s website processes have changed for setting up a student account in “Fee Protect”.

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Letter From The Chair

Words from the Deputy Chair:

Members.

Kia ora

Hope no one has been too personally impacted by the atrocious weather we have experienced recently and that your courses have still run and participants have been able to turn up.

I continue to fill the acting Chair role for Eric who is recovering. The Board are following up as required post AGM and are in the process of voting on the positions held by Board members. We will promulgate the office holders once this process is completed.

We welcome Janet Jamieson onto the board . Janet has been seconded onto the Board and is working at Tai Poutini Polytechnic and will provide us with additional support as we deliver on requirements in our annual plan.

At our last Board meeting we did our annual review of the plan and are well satisfied with the number of areas that we have progressed in and the achievements we have made.

With the gaining of "incorporation" we now need to review our documentation and public facing material to ensure we adjust it slightly to include wording commensurate with our change in status.

The planning for this year's conference is gaining speed and more details will be forthcoming in the near future but start your planning now to attend what is shaping up to be another really good event.

Thanks for your continued support and if you know of others who would benefit from being associated with AECTP then please encourage them to get in touch. We are only as strong as our membership.

Cheers, Julian Price, Deputy Chair AECTP Inc.

Co-opted Board Member

The Board warmly welcomes Janet Jamieson to the Board.

Born in England, my family came to New Zealand during my mid-teens the best decision they ever made. Most of my working life has been in health care areas apart from a stint of owning a restaurant in Gisborne. I have had over 20 years' experience as an Ambulance Officer, holding positions as RSO and an internal trainer for a while.

Managed (Service Co-coordinator) a Community Mental health home for 9 years, including responsibility with training for internal staff, health care plus Health and Safety and Infection Control training and development.

I have been employed as Lead Tutor with Tai Poutini Polytechnic for over ten years teaching PHEC, First Aid plus a number of unrelated First Aid subjects. Working as part of the EMSAR department.

AECTP Meetings - 2017

Members welcome at Board Meetings

- 10 Feb—Board Meeting CHCH
- 2 Mar—NZQA Peak Body forum, WGT
- 7 April —Board Meeting, CHCH
- 7 June—NZQA Peak Body forum, WGT
- 9 June—Board Meeting, CHCH
- 4 Aug—Board Meeting, CHCH
- 6 Sept—NZQA Peak Body forum, WGT
- 6 Oct—Board Meeting, CHCH
- 28 Nov - AECTP Annual Meeting 8.30am
- 28 Nov—2017 First Aid Conference, WGT
- 29 Nov—NZQA Peak Body forum, WGT

NZ Resuscitation Council

www.nzrc.org.nz

- *Council FA Resource — at the last Council meeting it was agreed that Kevin Nation would provide further hours to assist the Council with its business. As a result, work relating to the Non Health Professional sector is expected to be positively progressed by the next Council meeting .*
- *The Board is ready to consider and provide feedback for any final Guideline drafts which arise in 2017. AECTP is able to provide feedback according to protocols set out by ANZCOR.*
- *ECI L2 revalidations — due to recent low demand, the Board has now decided to discontinue to run these sessions. Members are happy to source the annual training updates locally.*

AECTP Inc.

The Board is now moving to add "Inc." into all correspondence in accordance with requirements.

The website, all communications, and correspondence are included.

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On a regular basis AECTP Board members are asked to clarify the confusion in the classroom when students state that they thought that Compression Only CPR is acceptable current best practice for trained first aiders. These questions about compression only CPR, which arise very frequently in the classroom, and was also recently seen on TV morning show, are important to be addressed by all training providers using direct quotes from the NZ Resuscitation Council as the Council set these Guidelines.

The NZ Resuscitation Council recommends conventional CPR as being the best treatment for cardiac arrest, both on Facebook and by a statement on their website. The Council's position clarifies that best practice includes CPR with compressions and ventilations as the preferred CPR treatment and training standard.

As the practice of 'hands-only CPR' is seen as an alternative treatment may be part of the landscape for some time. To help guide people, the Council has published a statement that reiterates their position supporting conventional CPR being best for Cardiac Arrest.

The NZ Resuscitation Council has released a statement on their website, dated 28 March 2017. This is quoted below and is current as at 27th April 2017. The information can be sourced in their publication of Adrenaline Rush. This follows <http://www.nzrc.org.nz/news/media/conventional-cpr-best-for-cardiac-arrest/>

Conventional CPR best for Cardiac Arrest

28 March 2017

Any person who is unresponsive and not breathing normally should be treated with conventional CPR.

The New Zealand Resuscitation Council made the statement to clarify misconceptions that compression-only CPR, also known as 'hands-only CPR', is an acceptable alternative when being trained in basic life support and First Aid.

Conventional CPR, including breaths and compressions, produces the best survival rates under most circumstances. Hands-only CPR is promoted in some countries because it is simple to teach and can encourage bystanders to act when they might otherwise be reluctant. Conventional CPR is much better for children, drowned people and those who have longer periods of arrest.

Hands-only CPR is good for sudden witnessed collapse in adults, which is a minority of events.

Chest compression rates of 100-120 compressions per minute have been shown to produce the best rates of survival. Aiming for a rate of 100 will lead to many rescuers compressing at slower rates. First Aid educators should teach people to aim for a compression rate between 100-120.

The chest should be compressed by at least one-third the diameter of the person receiving CPR. Rescuers should attempt two breaths after each cycle of 30 compressions. The rule of thumb for CPR is '30-to-2, no matter who'.

Any person receiving CPR should have access to a defibrillator as a priority.

The New Zealand Resuscitation Council is very grateful to all who promote CPR as an easy and potentially vital means of achieving the best possible outcome for New Zealanders who may suddenly collapse.

For more information about CPR and Basic Life Support please see nzrc.org.nz/guidelines.

For queries about this statement please contact Lachlan McKenzie, Manager, Communications and Services on +64 4 499 6625.

2018 NZ Resuscitation Council Conference — *NZ Resus 2018 – Coming Age: Improving outcomes for 21 years*, will be held 19-21 April 2018, at Te Papa, Wellington.

NZ Resuscitation Council Office Administrator — Rebecca O'Sullivan has now been appointed and will also manage accounts, orders and dispatch of course resources.

Member Q & A

Please outline why the FA exemplars were deleted from The Skills Organisation website

Prior to 21st March 2017, The Skills Organisation provided First Aid exemplars available for purchase for around \$700 from their website.

However it became evident that these exemplars did not meet the Learning Outcomes Requirements and this was verified by qualified moderators who were also members of AECTP.

The implications of this included that those using these exemplars were, amongst other things, likely to not be assessing for First Aid skills provided from a pool of scenarios and therefore would also be at risk of not teaching the full list of First Aid conditions, therefore potentially impacting and compromising course length times and learning outcome deficiencies.

Following notification of the anomalies, Skills Organisation responded quickly to resolve the issue.

Manager, Assessment and Moderation, Lindy Martins, was pleased to have received the feedback in her 21 March reply stated:

We've asked two of our independent First Aid moderators to look over the assessment resources for the 6400 series. Both have confirmed that updates are required to the resources. Thank you so much for pointing this out to us, we really appreciate the feedback and we are treating this as urgent.

We will inform all of the providers who have already purchased the resources. We have also ceased selling the First Aid resources. We'll discuss internally whether we will continue selling First Aid resources to accredited providers.

Thanks again for letting us know. Please don't hesitate contacting us if you spot anything doesn't look right.

AECTP are pleased that Skills were responsive to the information and appreciate Skills swift action in this matter.

Wellington Free Ambulance Medical Director to present at 2017 Conference

The Board is pleased that Dr Andy Swain, Senior Lecturer in Emergency Medicine at University of Otago (and who, amongst other things also specialises in pre-hospital emergency care and is Medical Director of Wellington Free Ambulance) has agreed to speak at Conference. The following summary outlines the Wellington based Ambulance Service.

Wellington Free provides the medical emergency response to around 450,000 people in greater Wellington and Wairarapa – about 10 percent of New Zealand's population. As such, Wellington Free is an important provider of resuscitation, and a crucial link in the Chain of Survival for providing early CPR, early defibrillation, and transfer to hospital.

Each week approximately four people have a cardiac arrest in greater Wellington and Wairarapa, so the efficacy of the regional emergency management system is crucial. Wellington Free personnel make over 200 resuscitation attempts each year, of which about one-in-three will survive to be transferred to hospital while about one-in-seven will survive to be discharged from hospital. These outcomes compare favourably internationally.

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