

FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

Promoting quality in the first aid industry

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AECTP Pre-hospital Emergency Care Conference

Our 2018 Conference provides updates on telemedicine, paediatric trauma, mind decluttering and moving to new ways in practice. In 2019 we will look at new venue options as the Conference is gaining in popularity.

AECTP Provides information on Guidelines

Media coverage indicates that anomalies within First Aid training provision can give mixed messages to the public. AECTP aims and supports the NZ Resuscitation Council in their Guideline setting role and we encourage members to refer to their website for detailed information www.nzrc.org.nz.

2018 AM, 8.30am, Tuesday 27 Nov

Our Annual Meeting will be held immediately prior to the Conference.

2018 Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Conference 10am-4.30pm 27 Nov

Is confirmed at the Brentwood Hotel, Wgt, watch for further details and register online late April 2018 at www.aectpnz.org. If staying at the Brentwood, you get the discount by quoting "AECTP Conference".

The NZQF Register

NZQA has been gathering TEO feedback of the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) new register which is intended to deliver a single, authoritative register of quality assured qualifications (including awards), programmes and components. The system development included testing via a pilot group of tertiary education organisations which is now complete.

TEO profiles

AECTP is happy that NZQA has agreed to list AECTP as an option for our members to add to on their affiliate profiles. AECTP is the Peak Body for the sector and industry, so the listing option is valued. We recommend that Members update their profiles by ticking the AECTP affiliation.

Options for calling for help in a medical or injury emergency

The NZ Police Website lists the numbers to be used if the caller needs help in an emergency and has speech and/or hearing difficulties. For either text or fax services; the numbers are: 0800 16 16 16 OR 0800 16 16 10.

Strategic and Annual Plans — AECTP's

3 year Strategic Plan 30 June includes our aim to host webinars and the 2019 Annual Plan will be completed. Please contact the Secretariat if you have any ideas or points of interest for us to include.

Webinars— AECTP is considering hosting a webinar option to provide more professional development and current practice updates for members. Please email us your subject preferences and thoughts. Initially we may go with First Response for party pills; and also perhaps on methamphetamine too.

NZQA, reminder re Keeping Learner Records at least 1 year

The PTE Enrolment and Academic Records Rules 2012 version 2 came into effect in October 2016. We remind providers that Rule section 6.2 of the amended Rules requires PTEs to keep all student assessments for at least 12 months from the date of completion. Even if students have graduated, all of their assessment material must be retained by the Training Provider for at least one year.

NZQA EER Observers

Observers will continue to be present onsite for visits to a small number of EERs this year. Their role is to observe the EER only with the aim of contributing to the Evaluation team's self-assessment and identify any improvements, share their learnings, enhance the EER process and for professional development. The AECTP Board agrees this process will be beneficial to ensure and maintain consistency of evaluation practices.

NZQA Professional services fee

From 1 July NZQA increased the fees it charges for its quality assurance work. This includes all approvals, accreditations, registrations, and EERs. This is the first increase since before 2005 (NZQA deliberately did not increase fees during the Global Financial Crisis) and will enable NZQA to continue to deliver quality assurance for tertiary education organisations. Quality assurance work assures students and employers can have confidence in qualifications. A full list of current fees is available at [NZQA fees](#). This list will be updated from 1 July 2018, to reflect the new fees.

NZQA Rule Changes

NZQA Rule changes coming into effect 23 Aug 2018—consultation click [here](#).

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Letter From The Chair

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Where has the year gone? Suddenly our Annual Conference and AGM are almost upon us, and work has started on development of the new Unit Standard to replace the current 6400 series. Being busy and well occupied are often quoted as the reason that time flies, and this is certainly the case for members of the AECTP Board.

Recently, the Board has approved a submission to MBIE looking well ahead at First Aid and the Health and Safety requirements, and immediately after this we were into some scope work to flesh out what a 'real' first aid course should look like. I have used the word 'real' as we all know that not all courses are created equal or delivered to a standard that is expected by our clients. A well designed course that meets the needs of New Zealanders is essential for a safe and resilient community as well as a workplace is essential.

A scan of the wider education sector show a tightening up of the quality of education at all levels. People expect, and deserve, the very best for their money. People today are thirsty for knowledge and want good information that they can understand and put into practice. We, as a Board, want to drive that change within our own back yard. Our journey has started, and the destination is in already sight.

Remember to promote our November conference. Let's make this the best ever!

Graham

Graham J. Wrigley, AECTP Chair, 2018

Replies to member's concerns

Thank you to our members for raising issues of concern as follows.

- **There are ongoing concerns about internal English language proficiency while completing First Aid assessments**

Some training providers within various sectors have also found in the last few years an increase in migrants with very low English language and are concerned these people risk not being able to call 111 in an emergency.

This concurs with NZQA's random checks which showed that, whilst some providers could administer these proficiency assessments reliably, their data also showed many could not. Currently there are a range of testing available, and some were taken online.

- **There are some anomalies in requirements for English language proficiency**

ITOs can only arrange training for funded domestic students, so English language testing for students is not required in legislation. Additionally, ITOs also do not have any Code of Practice obligations. This ongoing issue should be discussed separately with the Ministry of Education.

- **What is the definition of Tertiary Domestic Student** – for example, is the holder of a residence visa classed as Domestic?

Yes the holder of a residence Visa is classed as Domestic and you would therefore be able to report credits for them without the need to become a code signatory.

The Definition for Tertiary is outlined in Section 159 if the Education Act 1989.

You can also find the link to the Ministry of Education's legislation and the definition of both school and tertiary domestic students in New Zealand, click, [here](#).

For reference and to assist members, we have also listed this information on the AECTP website www.aectpnz.org

AECTP Meetings - 2018

Members welcome at Board Meetings

NZQA Peak Body Forums

Meetings, WGT:

5 Sept, and 5 Dec

AECTP Board Meetings

03 Aug—Board Meeting, CHCH

05 Oct—Board Meeting, CHCH

02 Nov—Board Meeting, CHCH

27 Nov—AECTP Annual Meeting, WGT

27 Nov—2018 Pre Hospital Emergency Care Conference WGT

NZ Resuscitation Council

GUIDELINES UPDATE—a new The Agitated Person Guideline (9.X.X) feedback is progressing with further.

CPR, FACE MASKS

The following update is provided to clarify the Resuscitation Council's guidance on use of face masks in CPR.

CPR should be taught, inclusive of breaths, with manikins ([GL 8 - CPR](#)) and using the hygiene requirements of the manikin manufacturer ([GL 10.3 - Cross infection and manikin use](#)).

When someone is not responding and not breathing normally - Get help quickly, CPR needs to be started without delay, mouth to mouth CPR should ideally be ventilations and compressions to benefit the most, some rescuers will not be able to bring themselves to do breaths so should at least do compressions, get an AED use it quickly.

The risk of disease transmission is low ([GL 5 - Breathing](#)) and rescuers should not be deterred from providing rescue breaths without a mask, rescuers could consider a barrier mask if available.

www.nzrc.org.nz

AECTP Inc. Board Business

Our 2018-19 Annual Plan is completed and progressing well.

Members of the Board met with the Skills Organisation to provide advice on what the new 6400 Unit Standard would look like to ensure a course framework which ensured improved status of First Aid courses.

27 Nov 2018 Conference is now planned.

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Member Q & As

Is it possible to provide an update on the correct technique when alone and choking please?

Alone and Choking?

A Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO) is a life-threatening emergency. The principle of treatment is to clear the object by enabling the person to cough forcefully. Where the obstruction is partial the person should keep coughing until the object is cleared. When people cannot cough for themselves they need assistance to cough.

The clinical data on choking management is largely retrospective and anecdotal. Chest thrusts, abdominal thrusts or back blows can be effective in assisting an individual to cough and relieving FBAO in conscious adults and children. Life-threatening complications associated with use of abdominal thrusts have been reported in a number of case reports. Therefore, in New Zealand and Australia, the use of abdominal thrusts in the management of FBAO is not recommended and, instead back blows and chest thrusts should be used. Approximately half of cases of airway obstruction are not relieved by a single technique and the likelihood of success is increased when combinations of back blows and chest thrusts are used. These techniques should be applied in rapid repeated sequence, five back blows then five chest thrusts, until the obstruction is relieved. Each back blow and chest thrust is an individual action delivered to relieve the obstruction. The rescuer should check to see if the obstruction has been relieved after each delivery.

If the person becomes unresponsive a finger sweep can be used if solid material is visible in the airway. An ambulance should be called and CPR started. With CPR, attempting ventilation may get air past the obstruction. This not only gets oxygen into the person's lungs but also provides a volume of air to enable the obstruction to be expelled with the next chest compression.

There is even less evidence to inform a guideline regarding the management of choking when a person is alone and unable to breath. It is reasonable, even though unable to speak when choking, to call an ambulance so help is on the way. Other resuscitation councils in the world continue to recommend to attempt to enable an effective cough by the person thrusting their abdomen against a chair back, bench top, or railing and repeating until the object is dislodged. In the absence of any evidence of an effective substitute this advice also seems reasonable and the only alternative in the circumstance.

Abdominal thrusts can be painful and even cause injury so should only be used in actual emergencies, when it is certain that the person is choking.

Kevin Nation, Chief Executive, New Zealand Resuscitation Council.

For more information see www.nzrc.org.nz/assets/Guidelines/BLS/ANZCOR-Guideline-4-Airway-Jan16.pdf



Micro-Credentials — the new NZQA Rules that allow micro-credentials have been approved by the Minister and are now released. Micro-credentials address unmet needs and will mainly be employer-led. Micro-credentials will be subject to the same requirements as training schemes or assessment standards and will also be required to: be 5 – 40 credits in size; have strong evidence of need from employers, industry and/or community; not duplicate current quality assured learning approved by NZQA. See our website for more information.

Approval of Delivery Sites — NZQA has advised training providers of the following changes: Training providers in EER Categories 1 and 2 can now gain approval for new delivery sites through an attestation process rather than an application. Temporary sites are now defined as those sites used for 26 weeks or fewer. These changes came into effect from February this year.

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Julian Price, St John

AECTP Website updates: May—August 2018

Conference—2018 Online registration portal Conference 2018 open

April 2018 AECTP Newsletter—uploaded

News, FAQ & Resources page :

- NZQA – Updating the Definition of Learning Hours
- Emergency Contact Details - NZQA
- Building Compliance - Student Safety a focus
- Equivalency Certificates
- Information and link to the Ministry of Education's legislation for the *Definition Domestic students in New Zealand—Schools/Tertiary*
- NZQA—Micro-credentials
- NZ Resuscitation Council—Alone and Choking?