

MITO FAQ's (June 2013)

Q. Update on EXITO learner transitions to MITO?

A. All EXITO learners have been given the opportunity to transfer to MITO. All arrangements previously offered by EXITO have been honoured by MITO.

Q. What are the costs for the new programmes?

A. MITO is currently consulting with industry on the training plans. Costs will be released in the near future. MITO is working with assessors and providers to establish a national network of service provision.

Q. Are there any changes to the way CoCs are issued?

A. No. MITO has been recognised by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment as an organisation which may issue Certificates of Competence under Regulation 17 of the Health and Safety in Employment (Mining Administration) Regulations 1996. Certificates are now issued under MITO's common seal and are signed by MITO's Chief Executive Janet Lane. Application and renewal forms can be downloaded from the extractives qualifications section on www.exito.org.nz or we can post or email you the form – just call us on 0800 88 21 21.

Q. Are we eligible for the Re-Boot subsidy that the Government recently announced?

A. The purpose of the Re-Boot subsidy is to encourage new apprentices/trainees and their employers to engage in industry training. The initiative applies to new apprentices signed into an Industry Training Agreement from 6 March 2013, and eligibility is restricted to new Modern Apprentices at Level 3 and 4 (in 2013) and all other new industry trainees enrolled in a programme of study at Level 4 with a minimum of 120 credits. The subsidy is \$1,000 for each new apprentice/trainee; with a corresponding payment of \$1,000 to the employer.

In the extractives industry this includes the National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Supervision) (Level 4) with strands in Surface Extraction, and Underground Extraction [NZQF Ref 0249]. This qualification requires prior award of the National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Introductory Skills) (Level 2) with strand Surface Extraction or strand Underground Extraction.

If you have any employees who have completed the Level 2 qualification and are interested in enrolling in this 22-month Level 4 programme with MITO, talk to us about their eligibility for the Re-Boot subsidy. The TEC have published some FAQs on the subsidy, available [here](#).

Q. What is the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ)?

A. The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has mandated a review of all qualifications at levels 1 to 6 on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF). This includes the twenty qualifications relating to the extractives sector.

The primary aim of the review is to reduce the duplication and proliferation of the qualifications listed on the NZQF and to ensure that all qualifications have clear educational and employment pathways. A workforce development approach is critical to the success of the review. NZQA will formally commence ("trigger") the review on 30 June 2013. MITO will be seeking industry representatives and technical experts to assist with reviewing qualifications and ensuring the future suite are relevant and fit-for-purpose.

For more information visit www.mito.org.nz or call 0800 88 21 21.

Q. How will the recommendations from the Royal Commission on the Pike River Coal Mine Tragedy impact on national certificates and/or the TRoQ?

A. The Government has accepted all 16 of the recommendations from the Royal Commission. An implementation plan has been developed and all forms of mining will be impacted. MITO has been working with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to help implement the following recommendations:

- Recommendation 8: Managers in underground coal mines should be appropriately trained in health and safety
- Recommendation 12: The regulator should supervise the granting of mining qualifications to mining managers and workers.

The implementation of these recommendations has a direct impact on the qualifications included in the TRoQ (and any subsequent qualifications that are developed).

Further information on the Pike River Implementation Plan can be found on the MBIE website (www.mbie.govt.nz/what-we-do/pike-river-implementation-plan).

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