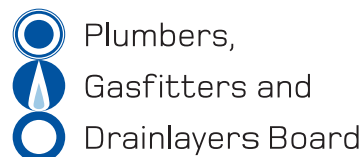


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SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



A word from the Chair

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW FORM OF CPD



industry and lead by example in raising the profile and ensuring the highest of professional standards within the trades.

Achieving certifying registration is a snapshot in time of any career. Technology, methods and materials evolve rapidly during your working life, and so must learning. This is the reason for the Board's requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) throughout a tradesperson's career.

It is also important to periodically review and explore new options for the improvement of how CPD is delivered. The Board recently sought an independent review of the current scheme and established an industry sector reference group for this purpose made up of tradespeople, representative organisations, The Skills Organisation and CPD providers.

The group met in August to explore alternative models for delivery, and as a result identified a preferred option for change. The group also recognised that any change to the scheme should ideally take place from 1 April 2016.

The Board is currently consulting with the industry on the new proposed form of CPD, and I strongly urge all tradespeople to submit their views. Your feedback on the proposed model is required by 16 October 2015.

See page 04 of this newsletter for more information.

Peter Jackson
Board Chair

Each year, the Board formally recognises the outstanding achievements of an individual from each of the trades, who scores the highest results during the year in the Board's certifying registration examinations.

It was very pleasing to recently meet Rhys van Bunnik, Min-Sue Choi and Grant Little, who were presented with the Board's 2015 Merit of Excellence Awards. Top performers such as these are contributors to the growth of the



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Top performers recognised

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS MERIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

2014 was a year of exceptionally high achievers. Min-Sue Choi was the highest scorer ever (since the Board took the examinations over from NZQA) across all examinations.

Grant Little was the highest scorer for the certifying drainlaying examination since its first occurrence in 2011. Grant also achieved the highest score ever for the licensed drainlayer examination in June 2014.

Rhys van Bunnik shares the highest score honour for the certifying plumber examination with Ross Wakefield (2012 merit award recipient).

Rhys van Bunnik (Plumbing)

Rhys first uplifted limited certificates in plumbing and gasfitting in November 2005. He sat and passed his registered (licensed) level examinations for both plumbing and gasfitting in 2009. After completing his National Certificates through the ITO, Rhys became registered in both trades in September 2010. Having passed the certifying plumbing examination in 2014 with 94 marks, Rhys became registered as a Certifying Plumber at the start of this licensing year. Rhys is from Palmerston North.

Min-Sue Choi (Gasfitting)

Min first started as a limited certificate non-

apprentice in 2007. After enrolling for plumbing and gasfitting training with Unitec in 2009, he sat and passed his registered (licensed) level exams in 2011; and he became registered in both trades in November 2012. Min then sat and passed his certifying examinations in plumbing and gasfitting in 2014, attaining the impressive score of 98.5 marks. Min has completed his 24 month period as a licensed plumber and gasfitter and is eligible to become registered as a certifier in both trades. Min is from Auckland.

Grant Little (Drainlaying)

Grant first uplifted limited certificates in plumbing and gasfitting as an apprentice in 2005 and he first became authorised to carry out drainlaying work in 2010, under an exemption under supervision. He completed his National Certificates and his registration examinations in the three trades, becoming registered as a licensed person in plumbing and gasfitting in 2012, and as a drainlayer in 2015 after setting a new record in the licensed drainlayer examinations in 2014. Grant progressed to becoming registered as a Certifying Plumber and Certifying Gasfitter earlier this year and will be eligible to do the same for drainlaying once he completes his 24 months as a licensed drainlayer. Grant is from Wanganui.



Registration and licensing review

SUBMISSIONS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSE

The Board would like to thank those who took the time to put in submissions in relation to the first round of consultation for the registration and licensing review.

The Board has resolved how to respond to those submissions. A summary of the submissions, and the response of the Board can be found on the Board's website. [Go to: www.pgdb.co.nz/recent](http://www.pgdb.co.nz/recent)

What happens next?

The Board will be proceeding as identified with a second round of consultation in relation to CPD. This will take place during September and October 2015. In relation to the balance of the proposals, consultation will be during January, February and March 2016. The Board invites you to make further submissions as part of those consultation rounds.

The issues and responses in brief



142
submissions
received

www.pgdb.co.nz/recent

Should there be an additional "journeyman" class of registration?

- 71% of the respondents answered yes to this question.
- The Board supports the creation of a journeyman class.

Should "exemption under supervision" provisions be restricted?

- 79% of the respondents answered yes to this question.
- The Board sees this as a matter best dealt with as part of supervision.

Should there be other registration classes for a limited range of work?

- 51% of the respondents answered yes to this question.
- The Board does not support a class relating to associated work on a diary milking shed.

Should there be one or two classes of registration?

- 51% of the respondents answered one to this question.
- The Board considers that two classes of registration should be retained.

Are the current registration class names appropriate?

- 46% of the respondents answered yes to this question.
- The Board proposes : Certifying, Tradesman, Journeyman.

Should there be terms and conditions of registration?

- 45% of the respondents answered yes to this question.
- The Board has proposed terms and conditions. See full response on the Board's website.

What changes (if any) should be made to the CPD scheme?

- 80% of the respondents to this question supported change.
- See full response on the Board's website.

What changes (if any) should be made to the supervision requirements?

- 78% of the respondents to this question supported change.
- See full response on the Board's website.

Agree or disagree?

Submit your response at the Board's website

It's important that all tradespeople comment

In May 2015 the Board launched a review of registration and licensing requirements. One of the questions asked as part of the initial round of consultation was what changes (if any) should be made to the CPD scheme. The feedback the Board received strongly supported changes to CPD.

The Board, in consultation with a CPD stakeholder reference group, has developed an alternative model for CPD with a view that, if adopted, the Board would implement this new model with effect from 1 April 2016.

During this consultation the Board would like your views on the proposed model of CPD and on the fee that would be charged for the delivery of it. Once the Board has considered your feedback it will decide whether to proceed or not. If it does proceed then a *gazette* notice will be adopted implementing the model.

A form for giving your views is attached to the consultation document. You can also submit your comments online.

Go to www.pgpb.co.nz/consultation. The Board needs your comments by 16 October 2015.

Q&A's from current feedback

Why is the Board looking at changing things?

80% of the submitters responded to round one of the consultation wanting change. A large number thought the current system was not delivering information they needed.

Is this course additional to the CPD points?

No, it would replace the current CPD system entirely. Suppliers might still choose to promote their products, but those sessions would not be part of CPD. To complete your CPD for the year all you would need to do is attend a training day or complete the course online.

How much will it cost me?

There is no exact figure yet, however the Board is confident that the cost will be under \$75 per practitioner. The Board is currently looking at corporate sponsorship that could, if successful enable the course to be delivered for under \$30.

How much time will it take?

The courses will be half a day, either morning or afternoon.

How can I run a business if I have all my staff at a course?

In bigger centers multiple training days will be available so you will be able to send your staff on different days.

Will this just be like going back to school for four hours?

The course will be interactive so participants can engage in the learning. A variety of topics will be covered and there will be breaks. Participants won't simply have to sit and listen for four hours. It's likely that the training days will involve displays from suppliers and trade stalls. The day will be both interactive and interesting - you will come away having learnt some valuable and important skills.



world skills São Paulo 2015

Nominate your apprentice

SEND A CANDIDATE TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



Representing NZ in Brazil (2015) was Adam de Pass from Jackson Plumbing, Invercargill

The 2015 WorldSkills International competition was held over 4 days with competitions in 65 different vocations with a total of 1200 competitors from 85 countries.

New Zealand sent a team "The TOOL BLACKS", comprising of 15 competitors to Brazil. Adam de Pass from Jackson Plumbing, Invercargill was the competitor for the plumbing and heating category.

The competition for plumbing and heating had 27 competitors with representation from all the continents of the world. Each of the competitors had gone through a series of regional, then national competitions before arriving at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Consequently the standard of skill was very high, and led to a very tight competition with only 12 marks separating the top 10 competitors.

Adam competed in the competition gaining a medallion of excellence, as well as gaining a top of nation medal, for the highest points scored by a NZ competitor. The World Plumbing Council also awarded him a medal for his services to plumbing.

The next competition is in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates in 2017

Worldskills need your help in finding the best candidate to send over for the next competition.

If you have an apprentice or a young tradesperson who will be under 23 at August 2017, the organisers encourage you to enter them in the regional competition.

These competitions will be held on a Saturday (8 hrs) sometime between November and the end of April 2016.

The winner of each region will then go to the nationals held at Wintec later in 2016 for two days of competition. WorldSkills NZ looks after the travel and accommodation for the national competition.

Email Bryan.Smith@wintec.ac.nz for more information.

Who's Who



Who made the cut?

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW STAKEHOLDER LIAISON GROUP

The Board would like to thank all those who applied to be part of the new stakeholder liaison group. The standard of applications were high, which made final selection for this group difficult.

If you didn't make it through, the Board strongly encourages you to make yourself available for other specific consultation groups and vacancies as they become available.

The Board will hold its first meeting of the newly established stakeholder liaison group on 12 October 2015.

The forum will provide an opportunity to meet with the group for the purposes of discussing and receiving feedback on:

- Proposed initiatives
- Implemented initiatives
- Issues/areas of concern to the Board
- Issues/areas of concern to the industry
- Other issues within and facing the industry
- Other matters of relevance.

Those making up the group are:

Master Plumbers, Gasfitters & Drainlayers

Greg Wallace - CE and John Leen - Chairman

Plumbers, Gasfitters & Drainlayers Federation NZ: Wal Gordon - President and Derek Staines - member

From nominations from the industry:

Adam de Pass - final year apprentice - Invercargill

Glen Burr - Vice President of NZ Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying Association - Auckland

Sam Tyson - Managing Director, Climate, New Plymouth

Martin De Gouw - Clyne and Bennie Plumbing, Christchurch

Allan Day (Junior) - ASD Plumbing and Drainage, Levin

Peter Gilbert - Executive Director LPG Association of NZ

From the Board:

Peter Jackson (Board Chair)

Graham Hardie (Deputy Chair)

Martin Sawyers (Chief Executive)

Get one of the web links



Proactively showing the card

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Show your card and spread the word that only authorised tradespeople can undertake plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying.

A reduction in illegal work benefits legitimate industry operators

The message is becoming widespread and the campaign is continuing to gain more momentum each month.

The range of campaign marketing material is growing. There are now more choices available alongside the traditional stickers and work place posters.

Options for vehicles, outdoor signage, website links, advertisements and the consumer guide have been created.

If you would like modified artwork to fit your promotional activity let us know at comms@pgdb.co.nz.

The first impression is always what matters the most, especially where business advertising and website content are concerned. Using the Board's 'ask for the card' promotional material is a great way to build assurance with consumers.

TradePoint Training

WWW.TRADEPOINT.ORG.NZ - YOUR GO-TO PLACE FOR ONLINE LEARNING



TradePoint offers Master Plumbers members training which can be used towards CPD points, they offer face to face learning, online and distance learning. It offers many kinds of training to suit you, whether you are in the area to attend an event offered by a professional in your industry or would like to do training from home.

You can also become a member to get access to some very handy tools. Please note you must be recognised as a licensed tradesperson in order to access these tools.

Go to www.tradepoint.org.nz/overview to sign up. You can login using the email address you use for the Board's database – then the go to "lost password" which will then help you create their own log in for TradePoint.

Important information for Canterbury drainlayers

APPROVAL FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS



As of 1 September 2015, Environment Canterbury (ECAN) will not be providing approval for the installation of waste water treatment systems that are a "Permitted Activity".

Ensure you check with your local council to find out what their specific requirements are when submitting building consent applications.

Notification from the Timaru District Council

The Timaru District Council says they now require the following additional information when submitting Building Consent applications:

1. Provide a producer statement PS1 (design), from a suitably qualified person, to accompany the design of the proposed system. The producer statement must include all the usual details such as site address, legal description, building code clauses that are being complied with, and make reference to any attached design documentation.
2. In addition to the above, the producer statement must state that the proposed design is in accordance with the "permitted activity" rules (ECAN). However, if the design is not in accordance with the "permitted activity" rules, the design will require approval from ECAN (resource consent).
3. Most designers of these treatment systems are already deemed "suitably qualified" as they hold a relevant qualification eg CPEng. However if you are a designer of a system/s then you will need to contact the Council building unit to apply for registration on the Southern Building Cluster Group producer statement register.
4. This change in process became effective on 1 September 2015. The Council will work in with all applicants on this issue to achieve a smooth phasing in period.

For any enquiries for the Timaru District Council, please contact Jayson Ellis on email jayson.ellis@timdc.govt.nz or DDI 687 7466.



SIKA NZ have developed a "How To" video on how to correctly apply flexible below ground waterproofing membrane - Sika BlackSeal Elastic.

It is the only BRANZ appraised brush on waterproofing membrane in NZ. Following a request from a couple of Certified Drainlayers recently, they have adapted their quiz and certificate to include CBs along with LBPs.

The link to the video and quiz is: <http://learnhow.sika.co.nz>