

# FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

*promoting quality in the first aid industry*

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## EERs focus on Māori and Pasifika

NZQA Evaluation and Review reports will report as a matter of course on the educational achievement of learners and the support they receive. This will mean that all EER's will report:

- How many Māori and/or Pasifika students are enrolled at a TEO
- What courses they are enrolled in
- How their achievement compares with that of other students
- On the overall quality of Māori and Pasifika outcomes
- On the effectiveness of the support offered

The information will be requested in the TEOs self-assessment summary information and will inform their reporting process.

## NZQA's new Assessment processes

The new digital assessment processes coming on-stream for NCEA, will likely follow to tertiary education. Of course some providers are already using digital assessments (schools such as IT, Business, English etc).

We need to be aware that this may well form a part of other assessment thinking. The link below outlines the concepts to also address the learning methods of the millennium children, where demonstrations could be videoed as evidence etc.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Uhw47R3Ou2I)

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**NZQA PAG update**—The PAG is awaiting the review report prior to confirming their next meeting. We will send a progress report as it occurs.

**NZQA Assessment Fraud**—Following NZQA's legal action against the company who provided assignments for payment, TEO's are now encouraged to articulate their practices and activities aimed at reducing all "cheating". Ideally this would include incorporating policy and standards into their QMS.

**NZQA's TEO Background Checks project** - NZQA is now interested to know how Peak Body members address their police background vetting checks. A variety of processes were discussed. It is likely that NZQA will progress this issue to identify good practice in this area, including both initial and re-vetting policies and practices.

## ECIL2 Recertification, 2014 AM, and 2014 First Aid Conference

**ECIL2 Annual Recertification**—offers members the opportunity to complete the NZ Resuscitation Council course to be held at 5pm Mon 17th November at the Council offices on The Terrace, Wellington. Call them direct to book onto the course.

**2014 Annual Meeting** will be held at 8.30-9.30am Tue 18th Nov immediately before conference, Kauri Room at the Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie, Wellington.

**2014 First Aid Conference: A Glimpse into the Future** will run from 10am—4.30pm Tues 18th November at the Kauri Room, Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie, Wellington. The programme will be on the website shortly. Register online for early-bird rates now. [www.aectp.org.nz/](http://www.aectp.org.nz/)

## The Skills Organisation TRoQ update

The first stage of the targeted review of qualifications relating to the Emergency-Trauma learning pathway is now completed with input from the sector, including AECTP.

NZQA now has industry support for the qualification. Following NZQA review and acceptance of the qualification it is anticipated that further development will occur at Stage 2, which will likely commence late January 2015.

## Keep reporting Non-compliance to Requirements

The Board continues to provide evidence of ongoing FA training provision which contravenes the FA Requirements. Non-compliance places substantial pressure on those providers and members who work hard to comply and it erodes sector credibility. To help NZQA improve things we need to continue to forward information.

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# Letter From The Chair

Hello all,

Your board continues to move forward with progress being made to organising another great conference, Shirley and Kate have been working behind the scenes securing guest speakers and working with Yvonne in securing a professional conference organising company, I am sure you will enjoy the conference format for 2014 and trust that you have taken the opportunity to secure the early bird special offer and made your travel bookings and registered, certainly looking forward to meeting up with you all.

The board has continued and finalised the business plan for 2014 – 2015 and has also started to work towards forming an Incorporated Society. The initial approach to this target has constituted a lot of discussion around the board table and still requires considerable input, to get it right the first time but we undertook at our last AM to move towards becoming incorporated and be ready to report back at our 2014 AM., we are on target to move this forward.

AECTP was invited to be part of the Skills Organisation TRoQ process for FA. Julian Price has taken on the role of attending these meetings representing the AECTP Board and Membership, to date he has attended a couple of meetings and furnished reports to the board, in his report discussions included a linear progression of Level 1-7 of the qualification (e.g. FA Certificates to First Responder, to Intermediate Paramedic, these names are only preliminary, with nothing set in concrete) which provided a stepping stone process with credits which add together to get the qualification and which provides funding streams for learners. TRoQ was taking a practical approach for NZQA Assessment processes.

Graham Wrigley continues to sit on the PAG committee for AECTP, there has been no further progress at the time of this newsletter, but we are assured that the unit standards are continuing to be a work in progress situation, as there appears that there will need to be consultations between the TRoQ and PAG along with other Peak Body groups.

I would also like to remind you all about the AECTP Web page <http://www.aectp.org.nz> The board is very interested in your comments / feedback, and just remind you that it is another media for our communications and of course it is a great way to keep in touch with what's happening within our industry. If you haven't already done so, can I please remind you to send us your signed agreement to be listed on the website as a member and also give us your feedback by emailing [aectpnz@gmail.com](mailto:aectpnz@gmail.com).

We trust that our newsletter is well received by our membership; please remember we are there representing your best interests.

Take care and keep up the good work that you all do, "Teaching quality first aid course"

Kind regards

E T Little, AECTP Chairperson

## Why AECTP Board believes 26551 & 26552 is deemed not fit for purpose

26551 & 26552 does not cover: Shock, Head, Neck, Spinal, Eyes, Poisons, Environmental (hot/cold). This does not offer all New Zealanders a well-rounded First Aid US option and does not meet high risk injuries for ACC's four accounts (home, road, sports, workplace), or medium or high risk industry. Additionally, the gap between L2 & PHEC is deemed to be too great.

## Introduce another member to AECTP and get a free Conference Seat

The Board is still offering current members a free seat at the 2014 National First Aid Conference when you introduce another TEO to our membership list.

## AECTP Meetings

July 2014—December 2014.

Members welcome at Board Meetings

18-19 Aug 14, Board Meeting

20 Aug 14, TRoQ Meeting, Telecon

17 Sept 14, NZQA Peak Body forum

1 Oct 14, Board Meeting, Wgt

12 Nov 14, Board Meeting, CHCH

18 Nov 14, AM & FA Conference, Wgt

2014, NZQA PAG Meeting, YTBC

26 Nov 14, NZQA Peak Body forum

## AECTP 2014/15 Annual Plan

*The next annual plan taking us to 2015 has now been drafted and will be tabled for comment at the AM.*

## Incorporation

*Members mandated the Board to apply for INCORPORATED SOCIETY status — The application to the Ministry of Economic Development is progressing and will be reported on at the Annual Meeting.*

## Member Notifications

- 7 Oct Conference Registration Early Bird fee closes
- 7 Oct Members AM notification
- 21 Oct Members AM Booklet
- 1 Nov last day to forward your Member's questions for NZQA conference session.

## AECTP Website Updates

<http://www.aectp.org.nz/>

*Check the website for the updates on Conference.*

*Shortly the Members List will be updated. Please note that all Members wishing to be listed on the website must agree by signing and sending the Website Agreement to [AECTPNZ@gmail.com](mailto:AECTPNZ@gmail.com)*

## Member Q & A

**Member's question: Please clarify further what the new NZQA Referencing project aligning the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) is all about?**

### **NZQA's Referencing Project**

Credit Recognition & Transfer (CRT) is being addressed due to technological impact, globalisation, and current literature which indicate a changing role for NZQA, QA and Education providers into the future.

This need for recognition of training and qualifications from other countries supports correlating education across the globe whereby there is a need for agreements regarding levels of training between countries. In this co-development exercise, NZQA will seek Peak Body input into articulating synergy of training and qualifications. Following the review, NZQA CRT will be between And RPL, Recognition of Prior Learning – mechanisms to ensure current learning & knowledge is recognised. This NZQA project is due to begin in October.

The project is at the Qualifications Framework level and NZQA anticipates it will benefit the education sector as it will enhance comparability of qualifications in NZ and Australia and to the European Union Member States and will support the mobility of learners and skilled workers. Once completed, benefits for stakeholders include:

- PTEs—can inform enrolment decisions
- Transferability—A NZ qualification is more transferrable (e.g. for travel, overseas students)
- Reciprocity – countries can have similar arrangements (e.g. for government agencies and employers)
- Off shore delivery – NZ qualifications become more desirable
- Media potential – to reach many people globally
- Learners—will benefit from this process t will be tested to ensure an increasingly seamless process for learners.

## AECTP's 2014 First Aid Conference

- ◆ **Early Bird Registrations, including for current members, close at midnight on Tuesday 7th October.**
- ◆ **Register online on the AECTP Website - [www.aectp.org.nz](http://www.aectp.org.nz)**
- ◆ **Member rates are available for those who have paid their annual membership.**
- ◆ **9.45am tea and coffee**
- ◆ **10am—4.30pm conference**
- ◆ **Lunch is provided**
- ◆ **Topics include something for all**
  - ⇒ **NZQA Deputy CE QA**
  - ⇒ **Assessment/Teaching**
  - ⇒ **HSE Report & workplace issues**
  - ⇒ **Technical FA topics**
  - ⇒ **Cultural awareness**
  - ⇒ **and MORE**

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