

Changes to Certificates of Competence – Frequently Asked Questions

For questions regarding Certificate of Competence applications, compliance with the regulations, or interpretation of requirements please contact the NZ Mining Board of Examiners at **BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz**

For questions regarding MITO's training programmes please contact us via email **info@mito.org.nz** or call 0800 88 21 21.

Additional information can be found on the [WorkSafe NZ website](#).

I work at a quarry where the manager has no CoC and has never held a CoC.

- If this applies to you, [click here](#) for more information.

Where can I get advice regarding my CoC which expired before 1 January 2015?

- If your Certificate of Competence expired in 2014 and you did not renew it by 31 December 2014, you must apply as a new applicant for a Certificate of Competence under the Health & Safety in Employment (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2013. [Click here](#) for more information or email **BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz**.

My CoC has an expiry date in 2015, when do I need to have it updated by?

- Anyone with a CoC that has an expiry date of 2015 can carry on using this until 1 January 2016. This gives you time to complete the additional unit standards you need in order to be able to apply to update it to a CoC issued under the 2013 Regulations. [Click here](#) for more information.

How do I receive training for the new unit standards?

- MITO is offering training programmes for holders of current CoCs to gain the additional unit standards. Courses are being held around the country. Some travel may be required. [Click here](#) for more information.

I am doing my B-grade or A-grade through MITO at the moment. Will I be able to get my CoC when I've finished?

- MITO will include the new unit standards in your training programme. You will then meet the educational requirements for the CoC.

I already have the new unit standards I need for my CoC. How do I apply for a new certificate?

- There is an application form on WorkSafe NZ's website — please [click here](#)

What is the process for a lifetime ticket holder?

- All lifetime holders need to complete the additional unit standards in Appendix 2 of the gazette notice as these are new competencies, and then apply to update their CoC. [Click here](#) for more information.

What is the class limit size?

- Ideally 12 people on each course. The maximum is 20 people.

Will more training dates be listed before the end of the year?

- Yes, we are currently working on adding further courses to the training schedule. These will be uploaded onto our website just as soon as they are confirmed.

Will MITO consider enterprise-based training?

- Yes, provided there are 12 or more people confirmed to attend.

If I sign-up with MITO, am I guaranteed that I will be finished by 31 December 2015?

- We recommend you seek advice from Worksafe New Zealand if you have commenced training in 2015 but haven't completed it by 31 December 2015. Contact Worksafe via email, **hhu.extractives@worksafe.govt.nz**.

Could Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) be applied to unit standard 16686?

- We would need to see the course curriculum and evidence of the applicant having been formally assessed before a decision could be made.

If I have completed exams from the mining inspection days could RPL be applied?

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Will the renewal dates for CoCs be staggered?

- This is a question that needs to be directed to the Board of Examiners, email **BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz**.

When will we know about the requirements for Continuing Professional Development?

- This is a question that needs to be directed to the Board of Examiners, email **BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz**.

Can we go to Australia to do these courses?

- Yes, for the New Zealand standards that are based on the Australian units of competency (this excludes human factors unit standard 26855); but you would need to ensure that the course includes assessment by an accredited Australian provider. You can check with MITO first to see what provider information we may already have, via email **national.assessor@mito.org.nz**.

I attended an Australian Risk Management G2 course. Can I get recognised against an equivalent New Zealand unit standard for this?

- The G2 course must include assessment by an accredited Australian provider against the Australian unit of competency RIIRIS402 (Carry out risk management process). Unit standard 26856 (Carry out the risk management processes at an extractive site) has been based on this unit of competency.
- If you have been awarded a Statement of Attainment for Carry Out the Risk Management Processes (G2) that incorporates unit of competency RIIRIS402 then you can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) against unit standard 26856. Email **national.assessor@mito.org.nz** to request an application form. The RPL process will determine if the course you attended meets the unit standard requirements.
- If you are thinking of enrolling in a Risk Management G2 course with an Australian provider you can check with us first to see what provider and RPL information we may already have via email, **national.assessor@mito.org.nz**.