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## New CoC requirements

Following significant lobbying from industry, WorkSafe gazzetted new requirements for a Site Specific Certificate of Competence (CoC) on 1st August 2018.

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Included in the notice are a clearer definition of "workings", which impacts on the experience required for various CoCs, and specific unit standards required for a First Aid Certificate.

In order to apply for a Site Specific CoC your site must meet the following criteria:

1. No more than four workers, including the applicant, ordinarily work at the site
2. Explosives are not used
3. Excavations are no more than 5 metres deep
4. There are no voids or underground workings
5. No work is carried out below a body of fluid material
6. The actual processing rate does not exceed an average of 1,000 tonnes per week

7. The quarry will be operating for a period or periods that total at least 24 months
8. Any tip head or stockpiles at the operation are less than five metres high.

An applicant will be required to have met the 6 units standards required for a Site specific CoC and must have at least nine months experience in more than one of the following types of work in a quarry, mine, coal mine, opencast coal mine or tunnel (as it applies to this CoC):

- load
- haul
- processing
- stockyard loadout.

Applicants will be required to sit an oral exam for a Site Specific CoC.



Further details can be found using the following link:

<https://worksafe.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/amendments-to-certificate-of-competency-coc-requirements/>

WorkSafe has also produced [this guide](#) to assist.

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