

# Oral exams suspended further

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Oral examinations for certificates of competence will continue under Alert Level 3, the New Zealand Mining Board of Examiners says.

The Board says this is because of the limitations inherent to holding the exams by video conference.

It recently reviewed its 24 March decision to suspend face-to-face oral exams due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The Board came to the conclusion that a fair and robust oral examination by video conference could not be held under level 3 restrictions. Currently there are no other viable alternatives for face to face oral examinations.

“The Board and Secretariat are working hard with WorkSafe’s Legal and Policy teams to identify the issues and resolve them,” it says.

WorkSafe has many Covid-19 related issues to consider and its staff have numerous streams of work including for extractives, the board says. Secretariat support staff are also being redeployed into other critical WorkSafe work.

In the meantime the Board and Secretariat encourages the sector to update your CPD logbooks and attend any alternative CPD opportunities, such as webinars provided by MinEx and IoQNZ.