

# WorkSafe quarry workshops planned

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The WorkSafe extractives team will be running a series of quarry workshops as part of the implementation for the revised Health and Safety at Work (Mining Operation and Quarrying Operation) Regulations.

WorkSafe delivered overview presentations at IOQ branch meetings earlier this year, and also attended the MinEx workshops run throughout New Zealand.

Following the lead of MinEx, which has been delivering workshops for the past four years, the quarry workshops will be held in the following locations: Kerikeri, Dargaville, Paeroa, Te Kuiti, Rotorua, Whakatane, Waipukurau, Palmerston North, Blenheim, Nelson, Greymouth, Invercargill, Dunedin, Cromwell, Ashburton and Gisborne.



## Audience

The target audience is B-grade quarry operators who have four or fewer employees. If quarry managers have a person who assists them with administration, that person is encouraged to attend also. A-grade quarry operators are welcome to attend, but need to be aware the training is targeted to B-grade quarry operations.

Topics to be covered include: hazards, risk, risk assessment, duties of quarry managers and quarry operators, notification of appointed quarry managers and acting quarry managers, notifiable events, quarterly reporting, and health and safety management systems.

The workshops will be interactive and incorporate small group work, practical examples, and use of photos from sites. The aim of the workshop is for attendees to leave with a health and safety management system framework that is tailored to their site.

The workshops will be restricted to 25 to avoid limiting group work, but if there are more people interested in attending a particular branch workshop, WorkSafe will consider holding another if it is practicable.

## Approach

WorkSafe's extractives [website](#) features a video and factsheet and will soon have guidance available on the key changes.

The regulator's approach for the first 12 months is to educate and engage with the quarry industry on the revised regulations. It says it is important that all quarry operators have a working knowledge of how the MOQO regulations apply to their quarry operation.

WorkSafe will work in partnership with the IOQ and encourages quarry operators to become members of the institute so they can stay up to date with health and safety messages from both the regulator and their peers.

The workshops will be run in November, December and February. Dates and venues will be added to the WorkSafe Extractives webpage and the IOQ website as they are confirmed.