



Welcome to the March edition of Train Brain

With national media coverage and questions raised in Parliament, there is now no shortage of focus on the low pass rate for some CoCs.

This edition of Train Brian features details of a number of courses and hints that will help you if you have failed a CoC oral exam or are preparing for one.

More widely, MinEx is working with WorkSafe, the AQA, IOQNZ and other interested organisations to improve the training that is being provided.

Train well and be safe.

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How to pass your CoC oral exam

The New Zealand Mining Board of Examiners is concerned about the number of certificate of competence (CoC) applicants that are being failed because they are unable to demonstrate they have the ability and knowledge required to maintain a safe work environment. Read the full article released by WorkSafe [here](#).



So what can you do to increase your chances of passing your CoC oral exam?

1. Make sure you are competent in all four key competencies, not just one or two. The four areas are:
 - Operating and safety systems
 - Legislation
 - Leadership
 - Emergency management.
2. Practice demonstrating your knowledge through answering [questions like these](#).
3. Make sure you have a good understanding of these guidelines:
 - [The Health and Safety at Work \(Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation\) Regulations 2016](#)
 - [The Health and Safety at Work \(General Risk and Workplace Management\) Regulations 2016](#)
 - [The Health and Safety at Opencast Mines, Alluvial Mines and Quarries good practice guidelines](#)
4. Attend an Oral Exam Preparation Workshop.

Good luck. And remember, nothing beats good preparation.

ACT Safety COC Oral Exam Preparation

ACT Safety have a number of courses planned right throughout the year to help you prepare for your COC Oral Exam.

Courses coming up over the next few months include:

- Gisborne - Thurs 23 March
- Whangarei - Wed 3 May
- Auckland - Fri 19 May

Check out the schedules below or visit the [ACT Safety website](#)

[Full Schedule for A & B grade, CPD and oral exam](#)

For more information, contact Dianne Leaming on 09 270 9592
or actsafety@xtra.co.nz

First WorkSafe/IOQ quarrying workshop

The Institute of Quarrying (IoQ) and WorkSafe have organised a quarrying health and safety workshop in Gisborne next month, the first of several expected around the country through autumn and winter.

Topics covered include:

WorkSafe

- The state of play in the quarrying industry
- Oral exams
- What WorkSafe will do if you don't have a Certificate of Competence
- Common issues identified on site assessments.

IOQ

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- IoQ's webinars
- Upcoming QuarryNZ conference in Auckland.

Flexco

- Conveyor belt systems.



**Attendance
counts towards
CPD hours**

**Tatapouri Fishing
Club**

Gisborne

**April 6 from
3.00pm**

[RSVP here](#)

AQA and IOQ Survey on CoC Exams

Have you filled in the survey on CoC exams yet? AQA and IOQ would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete this [short questionnaire](#). Your responses will be kept confidential.



Return your completed survey to office@aqg.org.nz or ioq@xtra.co.nz

Updated Standard

Standards New Zealand has released an update to AS/NZS 4871.3:2010 A1 Electrical equipment for mines and quarries - Part 3: Substations: Amendment 1

You can find the update to the standard [here](#)

IOQNZ Courses and Webinars

Safe Drilling and Blasting

Auckland - 19 April
Christchurch - 20 April
[Enrol here](#)

Webinars

[Click here to view the 2017 IOQNZ webinar series available](#)

Mines Rescue Courses

CIMS 2&4 using Extractives Case Studies
Greymouth - April 2017

[Click here for the full Mines Rescue schedule](#)

[Email Mines Rescue](#) or call 03 762 7828.



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