



BUILDING SURVEYING UPDATE 2

1 APRIL 2020

Hi Everyone,

By now I guess we are all spending time with our families (or on our own) adjusting to our 2-metre bubble of personal space when we are out, washing hands more often than not and queuing at supermarkets. I am mindful that for some, the transition has been more challenging with the care of young children along with aged parents, health issues to attend to and concerns for family members overseas. We all need time to adjust, take stock and plan forward so be kind to yourselves over the next few weeks.

Hopefully this 2nd communication finds you and family in a better space than last week when New Zealand went to Alert 4 confining all, but essential workers, to their homes. We are all now having to create new norms and routines at home while still working and studying. One of these for the Building Surveying Team is regular updates to connect with you on programme development and related issues. The programme **will continue to run** with no moves to cancel it though there is a short 'pause' for now to take stock of how best we can meet the needs of all the cohorts.

New Online Timetable

Peter and Patrick are supported by instructional designers to move this work forward to deliver all the courses online for the remainder of the year if necessary. The timetable has therefore changed though each cohort will remain as they are. The new online timetable is near ready for release at the end of the week or at the latest, next Monday. Assessment dates will also change and will be embedded in the timetable for ease of reference.

Online Delivery

With online delivery all Y1 Down Country cohorts can be taught within the same week with staggered face to face sessions for each cohort to introduce course content, group discussions and activities or to discuss queries around course topics, requirements and assessments. You will need to have access to Teams for skyping sessions. Peter and Patrick will be in contact with your managers and/or team leaders to determine if you have this available. In case you did not receive my first communication, Michelle Johansson is no longer with us so Patrick Schofield will be looking after the Down Country cohorts. Peter Sparrow continues to teach the students from Auckland Council.

A similar approach for online delivery has been agreed with management for the Auckland Council Y2 cohorts for Building Code-Large (see below for Year 2).

BCA course for Hamilton and Kapiti

For now, the 3-day BCA courses that were postponed for Hamilton and Kapiti will be held after Easter on **Tuesday 14, 15, 16 April starting at 9 a.m – 5pm**. This is the time required to complete the course requirements including face to face time online and your own work going through the power points and completing the set activities. Tasman students will also be part of the same delivery on these days, as Patrick has discussed this with both Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council. He has yet to speak to the three people from Buller, Kaikoura and Whanganui so can the students/managers of these three students please communicate with Patrick this week to discuss.

Building Construction, Materials and Systems for Hamilton, Kapiti, Dunedin (Tasman)

This is a 4-day course scheduled **Tuesday 28 April to Friday 1 May**, which includes some of NZS3604. Patrick will set up the Teams discussion sessions which should appear in your calendars. The Dunedin cohort has already covered off NZS3604 so only need to do 2 days of this course. Tasman students will also be part of the same delivery on these days.

Year 2 Down Country and Auckland City Council

We have not forgotten our Year 2 students. Both Down Country and the Auckland Council cohorts will be completing Building Code – Large next, as follows:

- Down Country: Monday 4 to Friday 8 May with Patrick.
- Auckland Council: Monday 4 to Thursday 7 May (for all 3 groups) with Peter. This will be extended to 8 May to provide more support for students, where need be. As with the Down County cohorts the AC groups will remain in their 3 cohorts and do the same training on the same week.

Course Curriculums

A notable difference with online delivery is the introduction of detailed course curriculums which will contain all your lecture notes, links to activities, power points, assessments, readings and other relevant information. The course curriculums will guide you through the requirements for each course and is supplemented with power points and extra reading materials made available on Moodle. I understand from teaching staff that there is plenty of information and documents on Moodle that students can read as they prepare for courses to come online.

Extensions

We received many applications for extensions for the current assessments and most have been granted given the upheaval and anxiety caused by COVID-19. We have updated the extension form which is attached and note that moving forward your lecturer needs to have your completed application form (with manager sign-off)3 days before the due date. Extensions are only for 1 week and having a heavy workload is not adequate reason for an extension as Councils have undertaken as part of your studies, to give you sufficient time to complete your assessments and qualification. The extension form has been revised and a copy is attached. **All queries about extensions, assessments, timetabling and course curriculums are to be directly to your lecturers at first instance:**

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Grades

Students in the Dunedin and Hamilton cohorts waiting for their results for Reg Env will receive them the week after Easter. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has caused delays in having these assessments post moderated so please bear with us as we try to get things back on track again. At the present time the priority is to develop material for online delivery, so workshops are held to ensure you complete all your courses this year.

COVID-19 Support

We are all in this space together to minimize the spread of this virus so I've included some links below where you can access useful information.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Attachments:

1. [Revised extension form](#)
2. [MOE latest Bulletin – Tertiary Students \(Domestic\)](#)

Be safe and wishing you well from the Building Surveying Team.

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