



BUILDING SURVEYING CONNECT (3)

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Hi Everyone,

Tomorrow is the 2nd week milestone of our national lockdown and hope you are all managing to keep the home/work balance in check if you are working from home. For the Building Surveying Team, this went out the door since Alert 4 but we are optimistic that over the next few weeks we will find some normality in our workloads. For those with littlies out spotting teddies the photo above was sent to me and makes me smile to think of all the effort taken to get that teddy up there. It also captures the small and simple ways we can make a difference in our communities to care for and connect with others while remaining in our family bubbles.

[New Online Timetable](#)

As noted last week the timetable has been changed to accommodate online courses. These are now attached setting out the key dates for course delivery, assessment release, dates for submission and when marking and moderation are completed. We will endeavour to release student marks and feedback the week after marking and moderation are completed. There are separate timetables for the Down Country cohorts and for the Year 2 cohorts from Auckland Council.

[BCA course for Hamilton, Kapiti and Tasman](#)

We are well on our way to delivering our first online course on the 14 April with Kaikoura and Whanganui students confirmed to join the Hamilton, Kapiti and Tasman cohorts on **Tuesday 14, 15, 16 April starting at 9 a.m – 5pm.** Hopefully Buller will also be available to be part of the BCA delivery. A schedule will be sent out this week to students setting out the days and times for your cohorts to join the Teams group sessions and how the training will be managed. Patrick is your main contact.

[Year 2 Auckland City Council Cohorts – Building Code Large.](#)

For the Year 2 Auckland cohorts there has been a change in your dates to complete this 10-day Building Code-Large course. After discussion with management you will be completing the first 5 days online in April and the 2nd 5 days in May. The dates are set out in the timetable and also noted below:

1. First - day online delivery: Monday 20 – Friday 24 April
2. Second 5-day online delivery: Monday 4 – Friday 8 May

[Year 2 Down Country Cohorts – Building Code Large.](#)

Down County students in Year 2 have already completed the first 5-days training in February and will complete the 2nd 5-day deliver with Patrick on **Monday 4 – Friday 8 May.**

Fees Free

We have had some enquiries about Fees Free where fees are paid by the government. There is, however, an eligibility criterion that you will need to check out for yourself in the Fees-Free website (<https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>). Registry has provided the following information to assist those interested but is not responsible for checking your eligibility so please do not email them to determine your status. Discuss with your manger.

1. Visit Fees Free Website <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>. Then enter your National Student Number (NSN) in the blank box provided. And click "Check". Learner NSN number is on the Proforma Invoices.
2. On the second page, click "Provider-Base Study".
3. On the third page, click "2020".
4. On the fourth page, choose the answer which meets your situation.
5. On the last page, there will be guidelines on how to create a [Statutory Declaration](#) form. Please follow these guidelines to complete the form if you meet the [eligibility criteria](#).
6. Once the statutory declaration form is signed and witnessed by authorised person (JP, Lawyer etc.). Please send the form to feesfreecheck@tec.govt.nz for processing.
7. You will received a confirmation email from TEC. Once received please forward a copy to registry@futureskills.co.nz.

The New Zealand Certificate in Building Regulatory Environment Level 4 (60 Credits)

Part of my work involves developing programmes and some of you may have provided some feedback when I was packaging this one late last year and early 2020. We are really excited that this programme is going through NZQA approval processes with a likely approval date in late April/May with the first delivery pencilled in for late June.

This programme is designed for non-technical support roles in Councils like BCA/ TA administrators or those who provide administration support. It is a programme that aligns strongly with the Building Surveying L6 programme and is a steppingstone into it. It is delivered in much the same way with an In-Employment delivery mode and fully online this year. There are 10 face to face teaching days which can be done online over 20 months. The programme is ideal for professional development so if your Councils are interested please contact me in the first instance: taymarie@futureskills.co.nz

COVID-19 Support

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

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

Attachments:

1. Timetables

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

Patrick, Peter, Gill and Tay-Marie