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NZMTRB NEWSLETTER

Dear NZMTRB Member and Current Applicants,

Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP)/Registration Update

Voluntary licensing with the Department of Building and Housing (DBH) commenced November 2008 and it is intended that licensing will become mandatory in November 2010.

How is your NZMTRB Registration used when applying to become a Licensed Building Practitioner?

When applying for licensing you will need to provide the DBH with your current NZMTRB registration number. This will enable you to take full advantage of the concessions the Board has negotiated with DBH. Please note that the DBH will check the validity of your registration/registration number.

It is therefore advisable for:

- Those of you intending to obtain NZMTRB registration, prior to applying for licensing, to move a little faster on completing the registration process and receiving an NZMTRB Registration Number.
- NZMTRB registrants currently holding registration in only one trade but wishing to obtain licensing in both strands (a term used by the DBH to describe the two trades - structural masonry and bricklaying) should send in a registration application for the additional trade as soon as possible.

Note: You may have already completed the Form B Examination required as part of the registration process. To check if NZMTRB has a record of your examination and which strands you passed, please contact admin@cca.org.nz or ring Angelique on 0-4-499-8820.

The Form B Examination is a multi-choice question/answer examination for which you can elect to sit either or both strands. You can complete the Form B Examination by either:

- (i) Attending a one day course (organised in the past by a Masonry Trade Association) at which you will be given the opportunity to sit the paper.
- (ii) Completing a WELTEC correspondence course.
- (iii) Sitting the examination under the supervision of one of the Registered Engineers or Auditors who completed a job assessment for your registration application. A copy of Form B will be sent direct to the Auditor/Engineer selected by the Board and they will be responsible for returning it to the Board for marking.

The Form B Examination is based on New Zealand Standards *NZS 4210:2001 Masonry Construction: Materials and Workmanship* and *SNZ HB 4236:2002 Masonry Veneer Wall Cladding*. It is a condition of Registration that you hold these New Zealand Standards and a good understanding of them will assist you in passing the Form B Examination. Please note that this is a closed book examination.

How to Obtain a Licensing Application Form

Copies of the Bricklaying and Blocklaying Licensing Application Form can be downloaded from <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/pub-lbp-brick-block> or ring the licensing helpline on 0800-60-60-50 to request a copy.

What will happen to NZMTRB when the LBP Scheme becomes Mandatory?

The NZMTRB has achieved what it was originally set up to do in 1975, and has successfully set standards of achievement in structural masonry and bricklaying. Once licensing is established, however, the NZMTRB will serve no further purpose and will quietly disappear into brick and blocklaying history.

When will NZMTRB Cease Operating?

A final date has not yet been decided by the Board. It is our intention to have further meaningful discussions with the DBH to ensure the interests of our registered members is not compromised during their transition to licensing. Logistics and common sense will also form part of the final decision – but we will keep you informed.

July 2009 to June 2010 Subscriptions

Enclosed with this newsletter is an invoice for your 2009/2010 Annual Registration Subscription. As with previous years there is a discount for payment received on or before 31 August. ***If paying by/before 31 August, please make your payment out for the discounted amount.*** For your financial records, a credit note showing the discount will be sent with your membership card.

Membership Cards

Personalised plastic registration/identification cards have again been produced for the 2009/2010 year. On payment of your 2009/2010 subscription your new card will be issued to you.

The scene shown on the 2009/2010 cards has been provided to us by David Aitken of Aitkens Concrete Limited. David's grandfather, George, started this family business in 1920. David's father, John joined the business in 1946 after serving four years in the Royal New Zealand Air Force based in Britain. It was John that realised the versatility of masonry blocks and in 1954 the company purchased its first block machine – a Fleming single block made in America. David joined Aitkens Concrete in 1973 as a trainee blocklayer and today is Managing Director. The company still operates a masonry plant, but since 1994 its main operations are in ready mixed concrete.

The photo on the registration cards was taken around 1956 and shows an employee of John Aitkens loading blocks, manufactured by the Fleming block machine, onto a truck.

NZMTRB Registration Auditor Scheme

This scheme, launched in September last year, allows NZMTRB Registration Auditors to assess all three projects required for an individual bricklayer application, and one of the three projects required for an individual structural mason application.

All NZMTRB Registration Auditors must be approved by the Board and are authorised to assess only projects which are to be submitted for NZMTRB registration. NZMTRB Registration Auditors must have current NZMTRB Registration in the area in which they are auditing (i.e. structural masonry and/or bricklaying).

If you are a NZMTRB Registered Structural Mason or Bricklayer and are interested in becoming an NZMTRB Registration Auditor, please apply to admin@cca.org.nz. Your details will be submitted to the Board for their consideration. Further information can be found on the website – www.mtrb.org.nz.

NZMTRB Website - www.mtrb.org.nz

Another reminder to please take the time to view the NZMTRB website and also check if your personal details are correct. Some time ago we added an **“Industry News and Information”** page, which provides licensing updates, general information and links to various free industry publications that may be of assistance/interest to you.

If you have any suggestions for website content please contact admin@cca.org.nz or ring Angelique on 0-4-499-8820.