



# SAFETY TRAINING MEANS WE NEED YOUR TRAINING AGREEMENTS NOW!

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If you'll be taking on a new apprentice in 2011, it would be worth getting their Training Agreement to ETITO now.

As we've mentioned previously, the Electrical Workers Registration Board [EWRB] rule changes require that all new apprentices complete a safety training course within three months of applying for their Trainee Limited Certificate. ETITO will not allocate any apprentices to the remainder of their off-job training until this is done.

ETITO has contracted one provider in each region to offer the safety training course. The courses will be run in the last month of every quarter, with an extra course in January so new apprentices can start their off-job training without delay. ETITO needs to receive Training Agreements by early January at the very latest to allocate new apprentices to this course.

Because training providers run on a semester system, apprentices who start in the new year risk having to wait until the second semester [halfway through the year] if they don't complete their safety training in January.

## **Who will deliver the training?**

One provider per region has been contracted to provide the safety training courses. This may be a different provider to the one the apprentice is allocated to for the bulk of their off-job training.

The providers have been chosen so that no apprentice should have to drive for more than an hour to attend, and ETITO will be making special provisions for people in outlying regions such as the West Coast and Gisborne.

## **What does the training cover?**

The safety training is made up of unit standards that already sit within the qualification – it just means they'll be covered off from the start. The nine credit course is made up from five unit standards [750, 6401, 6402, 15851 and 15852] and meets the EWRB's requirements to issue the Trainee Limited Certificates now required for apprentices who will be doing Prescribed Electrical Work.

## **Don't delay**

The important thing to note is that new apprentices cannot be allocated to any off-job training until they have completed the safety training course. So if you're planning on starting with a new apprentice in 2011 – get that Training Agreement to us before the end of the year!

**If you have any questions about starting a new apprentice, [contact](#) your ETITO Training Manager.**