

Where do your industry's national qualifications come from?

RECOGNISED BY INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT AS THE NATIONAL STANDARDS SETTING BODY FOR THE SECURITY INDUSTRY, ETITO WORKS WITH INDUSTRY TO DEVELOP NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, DESIGN AND MANAGE THE DELIVERY OF TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDE COMPANIES WITH ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT TRAINING SUBSIDIES TO SUPPORT THE COST OF TRAINING.

To ensure the national qualifications training system meets the needs of the security industry, ETITO works closely with industry representatives throughout the qualification development process. This industry consultation helps inform and shape the content of unit standards and national qualifications so not only can you be confident they reflect the national standard, you can be sure they are relevant, current and fit-for-purpose too.

Currently ETITO's qualification development team is working to review and revise a number of security industry unit standards and national qualifications. This involves establishing industry-wide consultation groups which undertake discussions through a combination of face-to-face meetings and via electronic mediums such as email, web, phone and / or video conferencing.

Heavily involved in this process is the Security Industry Training Advisory Board [SITAB], which operates as an independent voluntary advisory and consultative forum on security training matters. "SITAB brings industry expertise, experience and concerns from a wide range of industry representatives from across the security spectrum," says John Cleary, SITAB Chairman. SITAB members sit alongside other industry participants as part of a broad-based representative approach to consultation that produces first class unit standards and qualifications.

ETITO is very pleased to report an ever-strengthening relationship with SITAB. "New protocols have recently been agreed to in relation to industry consultation for the review and development of unit standards and national qualifications and we look forward to deploying these as we work closely with



SITAB during upcoming consultation," says ETITO Strategy and Corporate Relations Manager, Michael Frampton.

There's no doubt that the key to quality training outcomes is having a strong relationship between industry and the standards setting body, and this is a goal shared by both ETITO and SITAB. "Above all," says John, "we need a professional industry that people have confidence in, and that comes down to creating a safe and consistent baseline for everyone."

If you'd like to find out more about ETITO's review of national qualifications for the security industry, including how you can get involved in the consultation process, visit www.etito.co.nz or contact ETITO Qualifications Manager, Beverley McNamee at beverleym@etito.co.nz

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