

Word from the MD

Who pressed fast forward on 2017?! It seems timely to remind everyone that the old Level 4 Line Mechanic and Levels 3 and 4 Cable Jointing qualifications are **expiring soon**. **The last date to meet requirements is 31 December 2017** – please get your trainees' outstanding paperwork in ASAP.

Gaining any qualification in the Electricity Supply industry is **NOT** just about completing Unit Standards. Your staff **MUST** also have on-job exposures, and be competent, in the tasks they will be undertaking.

Logbooks were developed with Connexis and have been part of MITA's training programmes for several years, providing a proven measure for tracking competency. MITA will no longer be awarding achieved Unit Standards without a correctly completed logbook.

Safety in our industry cannot be overlooked – please work with us to ensure that your staff are capable and competent.

T3 – Transitioning from Team Mate to Team Leader

Following conversations with several key stakeholders, MITA introduced the T3 (Team Mate to Team Leader) course in 2017 in response to an identified gap in the industry. Created to address the lack of Personal Development training for staff ready to move into a supervisory role, the course has already proved popular with a number of new courses now booked.

The career progression of a Line Mechanic (or Cable Jointer) can sometimes be seen as quite flat. As employers, it is important that we provide staff with opportunities to progress within the Electricity Supply industry. This enables us to retain competent staff while ensuring they remain motivated and engaged within the company.

The 3-day course covers the qualities of a good team leader/supervisor; key responsibilities of the role; skills in communication, team/people management, report writing/presentations; and time management. The course will be tailored to your company with an overview of the company mission, values and strategic direction.

Contact Mark Adams, the Training and Development Manager, for more information including the Course Information Sheet training@mita.co.nz.

Consistency Review

MITA recently undertook a Consistency Review with NZQA for its Level 4 Line Mechanics qualification. Following the submission of its report and meeting with NZQA, MITA achieved the highest level of assessment available. While exceptionally pleased with this validation of their work, MITA also took advantage of the opportunity to assess its processes and identify areas where further internal improvements could be made.

Role of Feedback - LMB4A

While MITA takes advantage of processes like the above Consistency Review to examine its internal practices, it continues to welcome formal and informal feedback from stakeholders.

Following a stakeholder request, an amendment has been made to the 4A block course for Line Mechanics. Trainees will now receive an introduction to underground jointing which will enable them to maintain underground LV cable as part of the Electricity Supply network.

All trainees on the LMB4A are now required to bring a MITA 9 kit as part of their required on-course materials.

Field Switching

Staff who take the MITA Field Switching course gain the technical and theoretical knowledge, practical skills and experience to work safely on asset owners' network. They are capable of working with limited supervision.

This one-week course covers industry standards, codes of practice, operations and communication procedures and processes in Field Switching on electricity networks.

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Cable Jointing

It looks that the qualification for Cable Jointing has been reviewed. Each student is required to bring 4m of LV paper-lead cable on the 3A and 3B courses. If you have Cable Jointing students please start collecting this as there is no longer any LV paper-lead cable being manufactured in New Zealand.

This will cover US 20069 - Joint live LV paper insulated power cables in the electricity supply industry.

Administration

Please note that MITA will now be charging an administration fee, per trainee, for the processing of all paperwork received 3 months after the completion of a qualification. If there are any reasons this paperwork can't be submitted in time, please contact the [MD](#) on 027 8400 946.

Upcoming courses

Below are the Line Mechanic and Cable Jointing courses currently booked for the remainder of 2017. Please contact the [Administration Manager](#) if you require any additional courses, or would like more information on other courses MITA runs.

Line Mechanics

LMB1	
Team Foxtrot	4 – 8 Sep
LMB2	
Team Alpha	31 Jul - 5 Aug
Team Charlie	24-28 Jul
Team Delta	4-8 Dec
Team Golf	6-10 Nov
Team Echo	11-15 Dec
LMB3	
Team Squirrel	10-14 Jul
Team Tiger	7-11 Aug
Team Weke	18-22 Sept
LMB4A	
Team Scorpion	4-8 Sept
Team Panther	2-6 Oct
Team Rooster	30 Oct - 3 Nov
LMB4B	

Team Otter	6-17 Nov
Team Newt	20 Nov - 1 Dec

Cable Jointing

CJB3B	
Team Bass	20-24 Nov
CJB4A	
Team Argon	7-11 Aug
CJB4B	
Team Zebrafish	16-19 Oct
Team CJ XLPE	6-10 Nov
Team Raccoon	6-10 Nov
Team Cockroach	20-24 Nov
Team Argon	4-8 Dec