

MITA wishes to update you on the latest student and company activities in 2019. Topics include:

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A word from the MD

It has been another hectic start to 2019 for the distribution industry. Training has been busy - we currently have 300 to 350 students engaged in Block training courses. We appreciate your business and hope that we are living up to your expectations.

In April we started a Live Line course and have a second course in June. It is great to see Live Line work increasing once again in the industry.

As you know, safety is paramount at MITA Consulting, so we decided (on advice from our advisory board) to undertake ISO 9001. We have found this a most valuable exercise and we hope to be certified by November 2019.

We have also completed 3 days of internal audits from an educational provider and we have 2 days of audits from NZQA coming up. Our customers think of us as a trade trainer, with training for Cable Jointers and Line Mechanics. However, under the Educational Act we are duty bound to provide a high level of delivery to our Adult Students, and our staff. Every aspect of our training is governed by NZQA. Whether we complete a 2 hour Knife Safety course or a 7 week Live Line course, we must abide by the Educational Act and NZQA requirements. These audits are to ensure that our training and processes are to a high standard and are delivered by qualified trainers.

If you have any questions, concerns or compliments, please do not hesitate to contact [me directly](#).

Photos below show Team 185 on their LMB4B completing a pole install and transformer install.



Live Low Voltage Training Courses

MITA Consulting has designed a training course for personnel who are required to undertake Live Low Voltage work in the Electricity Supply Industry. The training meets the requirements of Industry Guides and SMEI Part 1, 2 and 3 and provides the candidate with the skills and knowledge to perform non load-bearing and load-bearing LV work methods.

The Live LV method is based on the principle that the Line Mechanic always maintains a minimum approach distance (MAD) from any energised Live LV lines and equipment and has two levels of insulation to prevent the following;

- Phase to earth contact
- Phase to phase contact

If you are interested in this course please contact [MITA](#).

Block Course Training hours

We have recently had some questions concerning the finish times of our block courses. To clarify:

- The start time for our courses is normally 7.30am; the exception is Day One of the first course which starts at 8am to give students extra time to find the training facilities.
- Completion times can vary from day to day. This is due to the speed of the learner, the size of the class or the exposure the students have on a task.
- The finish time can vary from 3.30pm to 5pm; depending whether we work through the break or not.
- The last day of the block course can finish between 2pm to 3.30pm; this helps the students to travel. Travel times of our students and trainers may vary from 1 to 5 hours.

Students are also expected to complete up to an hour of homework per night while on course. This will benefit the student with their assessments and knowledge of the industry.

***Photos below show Team 185 on their LMB4B.
They are testing and earthing and checking street lights, both on a MEWP.***



Acceptable Trainee Evidence

The majority of block courses that students undertake require the provision of on-job evidence to support their knowledge and experience in completing the tasks required for unit standards. This evidence is typically in the form of attestations but it may also require an observation and supporting evidence.

The required paperwork is sent out to companies with the initial email invitation. It is required back **within 2 months** of course completion otherwise MITA can't deem a trainee capable.

Acceptable evidence to MITA must include the following:

- Hazard ID or tailgates
 - Trainee must be listed on these
- Photos
 - Trainee must be in the photo
 - Trainee must be identifiable (ie. face visible)
 - Signed by supervisor stating date, trainee name and task
- Signed Technical Expert form. This must be completed where the assessor does not make an observation of the trainee's skill in completing practical tasks. The assessor must have the confidence that the observation has been made by a verified technical expert skilled in the tasks under assessment.



Photos above show Team Methven practising a pit rescue on their CJB3A.

Crane Assessments

Unit 16617 has been updated and now requires a prerequisite unit (30072). This will be done on the Block 3 course, however it will increase the crane use to 2 days. There will also be an increase in credit registration as this is worth 14 credits.

If your trainees have outstanding attestations/evidence (if required) from 2018, then the crane unit will need to be reassessed as we can no longer award the old version.

New Staff

MITA was pleased to welcome Grant Mitchell to its team of contract trainers. Grant started in late February this year and will be training on courses for the Line Mechanic and Cable Jointing qualifications. He will also be training on Arborist courses, WTC's and EWRB Safety Competency courses.

Welcome Grant!

Upcoming courses

Keep an eye out for invitations to upcoming courses in Line Mechanics and Cable Jointing. These are typically sent out 2 to 3 months ahead of scheduled dates.

Please contact the [Administration Manager](#) if you have any new trainees, require any additional courses or would like more information on other courses MITA offers.

Thanks from everyone at MITA Consulting, and remember to keep safe!

MITA recommends the [Quest Henderson](#) for companies looking for trainee accommodation close to its training facilities on Keeling Road.

The Quest Henderson has kitchen and laundry facilities, air-con, breakfast and onsite car-parking.

Email: reservations@questhenderson.co.nz

Ph: 09 839 7247

Mention MITA Consulting when booking.