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FLOORING NZ STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

3 SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear FloorNZ Member,

FLOORING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR EVENING CANCELLED

For the past six years, BCITO in conjunction with FloorNZ and sponsors from the industry have worked together to organise the Flooring Apprentice of the Year Awards. The awards evening is a public celebration of training excellence within the flooring sector. Through the event we are able to shine a spotlight on the hard work and dedication shown by high achieving apprentices. Additionally, the awards allow us the opportunity to show our appreciation to the employers and trainers for their role and support in supporting the apprentice's growth and development possible.

A decision has been made to forgo an evening celebration in 2020. The uncertainty that comes with living in a COVID-19 environment has made it very difficult to plan the event. In the interest of managing the health and safety of attendees we felt that this was the best decision.

This doesn't mean that we won't be recognising the award winners. We are working through some options, as to how we can recognise these apprentices on an individual basis. FloorNZ will be in touch with more detail as they become available.

FLOORING APPRENTICE SIGN-UPS GROW BY 30%

Many kiwis across the country are being drawn to the construction industry and are signing into formal qualifications. We are currently experiencing a major increase in the number of people signing into apprenticeships. This growth is uniform across the country, with many trades experiencing an increase in sign-ups. For July there was a 30% increase in the number of apprentices that signed into their qualifications compared to the same period in 2019.

Two key factors contributing to this increase are the Government's Targeted Training and Apprenticeships Fund (TTAF) also known as free trades training and Apprenticeship Boost packages. The TTAF results in the Government covering the cost of all apprenticeships for new and existing apprentices. That means there are no fees for learners or employers from 1 July 2020 until 2023.

Regards

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Apprentices back to Block course training again