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FLOORNZ NEWSLETTER

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Dear FloorNZ Members

Happy New Year and we hope you all had a restful break.

2021 will be bringing a number of changes to the Education Sector so we intend to provide a monthly newsletter this year to keep you up to date with developments.

ROVE UPDATE

The Reform of Vocational Education (ROVE) is moving ahead with the setting up of the Workforce Development Councils (WDCs). The WDC that will take over the responsibilities of the BCITO is Waihangā Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council. While this is its legal name it is expected that it will have a shortened trading name. The formation of the WDCs will be made by an Order in Council which is expected to be signed off by the Government and the Governor General in March. Once this has been achieved the Board and Chief Executive of the WDC will be appointed by a selection committee set up by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). They will then be responsible for appointing staff and it is expected the transition process from the ITOs to the WDCs will begin in June 2021.

The ITOs are in the process of developing their transition plans for approval by TEC in April 2021. We have been advised that the BCITO will be engaging in consultation with FloorNZ on the process of transition for Flooring Industry training. We have made it clear to the BCITO and the Government Agencies involved that FloorNZ wishes to provide all flooring training through the Allied Trades Institute (ATI) and that we have industry support for this proposal. This consultation is due to take place over February and March and we will keep you updated with progress through these newsletters.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

FloorNZ will be holding a stakeholder meeting in Auckland on the 25th February from 3.30-5.30. The venue will be the Vodafone Events Centre at 770 Great South Road, Manukau City. It will be held in the Cater Holt Harvey Suite and there is plenty of parking available. Parking is \$4.00 for the first hour and 50c per hour after the first hour. Parking is managed via the Inugo app which has been introduced to reduce high touch surface areas such as car park machines. We strongly suggest downloading the app prior to arrival. Part of the stakeholder meeting will involve a power point presentation and we can provide this to members if you are unable to attend the meeting. When you get your invite to the meeting can you indicate whether you are able to attend so we can confirm numbers, and also if you wish a copy of the presentation which we can email to you. The invitation to the stakeholder meeting will be sent out this week with a response form for you to complete and return. It is important that these are responded to within 1 week so we can confirm numbers with the venue.

The purpose of the meeting is to update stakeholders on the ROVE implementation and other projects FloorNZ is intending to undertake in 2021 and to introduce you to two new training programmes we have registered with NZQA.

NEW TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The ATI has applied to NZQA and been approved to run two new training programmes in 2021.

While the Flooring Fundamentals course has been around, for a number of years, it has been updated to reflect the requirements of the reviewed flooring qualifications which have now been registered by NZQA. The Flooring Fundamentals course is designed as an introduction to flooring for new retail staff. This course is aimed at people who are newly employed in the flooring retail sector. It is designed to give flooring retail staff a basic understanding of the product requirements they will be selling. It can operate as a standalone course or as an introduction to the New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Planning and Design (Level 4) with optional strands in Site Assessment and Flooring Estimation. The course is delivered using a one-day training session, online learning for product knowledge and post training session, workplace application and assessment.

The Introduction to Flooring Installation (Level 3) course is aimed at people wishing to enter the flooring industry and who may or may not be already employed. This will be a 12-week blended learning course which will include some online learning and a work placement with an employer. The course will provide learners with a basic understanding of the product requirements and how those products are used in a flooring context; the legislation that applies to flooring installation; the tools, plant and equipment used in flooring installation and the professional standards expected of someone working in the flooring industry. These will then be applied in an actual flooring context through the work placement opportunity. Once this course has been completed and the student decides to then enroll in one of the Apprenticeship programmes, they will already have some of the underpinning knowledge required and may not need to cover the material again.

MEMBERSHIP

FloorNZ membership invoices will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. We have kept the membership fees the same as 2020 with \$400 + GST for retail and manufacturers/suppliers and \$200 + GST for individual installers. Installers working for a retail operation will be covered by the retailer's membership. Once your membership fees are paid you will be sent a membership form to complete if any of your details have changed. We are also offering to provide membership certificates to members that want one and this option will be included in your membership form.

ALLIED TRADES INSTITUTE (ATI)

The ATI has obtained a further contract with the BCITO to run apprenticeship training for 2021 while the transition arrangements for training are being negotiated. Due to the Government's subsidy offer to employers taking on new apprentices, the number of people registered for training has increased which means the ATI will be providing back-to-back training throughout the year to accommodate these numbers. The ATI will also be looking at moving to a blended learning approach in 2022 which will require apprentices to complete some learning online and some learning at a block course for face-to-face learning.

We will keep you updated on these proposed changes through these newsletters. This new method of training will require support from both the ATI and the employer, and the ATI will be providing training for

employers/workplaces to enable this to happen. In 2021 existing and new apprentices will be transitioned to the new flooring qualifications which have now been registered by NZQA.

If you have any information you would like us to share on any comments or questions on any of the content in this newsletter, please contact me on kari@floornz.org.nz

Regards

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