



BUILDING SURVEYING CONNECT (4)

20 APRIL 2020

Hi Everyone,

We are nearing the 1 month-long lockdown period and many around my neighbourhood have thrown themselves into their gardens. I've never seen such manicured lawns and tidy sections. It really makes a difference but also adds to the sense of community for those brief over-the-fence natter and chatter that help to connect people from a distance. Other things take more time to adjust to including the use of technology connecting students from around the country. We are working our way through many systems that make online teaching possible so thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.

I am aware that on-line delivery is not for everyone including students who prefer the traditional workshops with more dynamic group discussions and interactions. At the present time we are unable to provide this but have taken on board feedback from some students that a mix of both is preferred. If you are finding aspects of the online delivery challenging, please discuss this with your lecturer as 1-on-1 or small group support sessions can be set up. Also discuss with your manager and/or team leader who may have other study options for you.

[Building Code -Large](#)

As we await the next phase of the lockdown, the second online course has started today for the Year 2 Auckland Council cohorts who have begun on the first 5 days of the Building Code Large workshop. They will be joined by the Year 2 Down Country cohorts from the 4-8 May to complete the 2nd week of this course with Peter Sparrow. Michael Belsham will also be presenting on fire safety requirements in the May workshop.

[BCA course for Hamilton, Kapiti and Tasman - surveys](#)

As the 2nd course begins one ends with the completion of the BCA course for the Hamilton, Kapiti and Tasman students. A reminder to those students to complete the student survey. A link was provided to you last week or you can access this on Moodle. Students are invited to complete a survey at the end of each course so we know what is working well and what areas can be improved on and how.

Regulatory Environment assessments

All student assessments have been marked and we are completing the final post moderation checks before grades are released to students after Anzac weekend (including feedback on their assessments).

Building Construction , Materials & Systems

After ANZAC weekend the 'Materials' 4-day workshop will be held for the Down Country cohorts from Tuesday 28 April to Friday 1 May. Patrick will be in contact closer to the time with details of when each cohort will connect with him and how the workshop will be managed.

The New Zealand Certificate in Building Regulatory Environment Level 4 (60 Credits)

In the last update we reference the NZ Certificate in Building Regulatory Environment which we are looking to offer later this year. It is a level 4 certificate, not level 6, and is going through NZQA for approvals.

This programme is designed for non-technical support roles in Councils like BCA/ TA administrators or those who provide non-technical administrative support services. It is a programme that aligns strongly with the Building Surveying L6 programme and is a steppingstone into it. It is delivered in much the same way with an In-Employment delivery mode and fully online this year. There are 10 face to face teaching days which can be done online as 3 workshops over 20 weeks.

The programme is ideal for professional development so if your Councils are interested please contact me in the first instance: taymarie@futureskills.co.nz

New Building Surveying Lecturer

We welcome on board our 3rd lecturer, Carl Graham, who resides in Auckland. He comes with many years of experience as a builder and a Building Inspector working with the Auckland Council and Professional Building Consultants. He has owned and managed his own building company employing 30 staff and 2 apprentices and was involved in setting up Habitat for Humanity in New Zealand in 1992. Carl holds a Diploma in Building Surveying and is also a Justice of the Peace. Some of you will meet him next week in the Materials course.

COVID-19 Support

<https://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Building Surveying Team.

Patrick, Peter, Gill and Tai-Marie