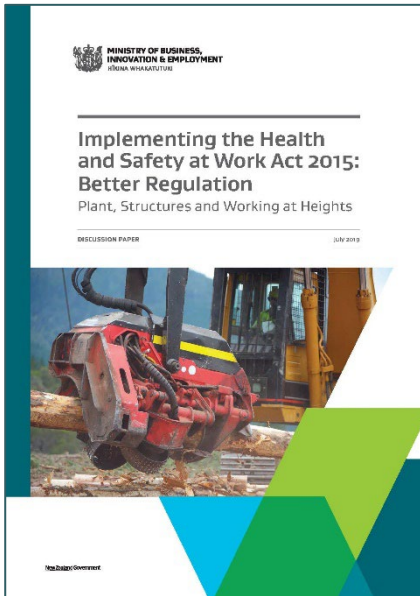


Association Active In Monitoring Pumping Regulations And Establishing Training Qualification For Pumping



The Government has announced changes to the regulations that sit under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015: Better Regulation - Plant, Structures and Working at Heights, which will impact concrete pumpers.

The NZ Concrete Contractors Association (NZCCA) is taking a keen interest in the upcoming regulations which will see boom pumps being classified as High Risk Plant, requiring stringent record keeping and maintenance programmes. It may not just be boom pumps affected either, as the draft regulations also make recommendations on plant, mobile plant and digger/excavation machinery.

The draft document should be released for review by the end of this year, followed by a 6 week consultation period. We will be circulating the draft document to all members to ensure you have the opportunity to have your say.

NZCCA has formed a working group to establish a qualification in concrete pumping, similar to that which is available to most other sectors within the concrete construction industry.

The New Zealand Certificate in Concrete Construction Skills (Level 3) has strands in Formwork, Reinforcing, Placing and Finishing, Specified Concrete Finishes, Concrete Product Manufacture, Concrete Sawing and Drilling, and Precast Concrete Manufacture. We are currently in discussions with Waihangā Ara Rau Construction & Infrastructure Workforce Development Council, and Te Pūkenga Work Based Learning Ltd (Formerly BCITO) with the aim to extend the qualification to include Concrete Pumping as a strand within this framework. It's early days as yet, but progress is being made as we have overcome initial hurdles and established a working group to investigate the possibilities.

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