

Welcome to the December 2007 BConstructive e-news. This is the eleventh and final issue for 2007.

The next issue is expected to be sent out during the first week of February 2008.

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Latest news from NZQA

We have been advised that the Building, Construction and Allied Trades Skills unit standards have now been compliance checked by NZQA and forwarded for registration. Registration approval is set for mid December and publication on the NZQA website is set for January 8th.

Both the Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications were submitted to NZQA for evaluation earlier today (December 7th).

Changes to the Level 2 qualification

There has been a change to the level 2 BConstructive qualification.

Please note: The following unit standard has been deleted from the programme.

24359, *'Apply construction skills and processes under supervision'*

Schools and providers that have already registered on the new BConstructive website will be notified individually by e-mail once all the changes have been approved by NZQA.

Any future changes will be flagged on the website and also distributed through this newsletter.

BConstructive website registrations

There has been a positive response to the BConstructive website with 130 registrations from schools and providers to date.

Accreditation

There have been on-going enquiries relating to accreditation requirements for the BConstructive programme given that the Elementary Construction Skills domain is expiring with the roll-out of this new initiative.

For **Secondary Schools** the BCATS domain (which is the basis of the BConstructive programme) has been added to their Base Scope Accreditation. This means that schools will be able to deliver the unit standards within the BCATS domain that are embedded in the two qualifications. This domain will remain empty until the unit standards are registered on the NQF on January 8th 2008.

Base Scope Accreditation for schools means that schools do not have to go through the accreditation process however they are still required to meet the required QMS requirements for the delivery and assessment of these qualifications. There is in fact now a greater responsibility for schools to ensure that their Health and Safety Policy, Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) Policy and assessment and internal moderation policies have been recently updated in order to provide protection to their students and staff.

Polytechnics and Private Training Providers that at present hold domain accreditation for

Elementary Construction Skills will automatically receive accreditation to deliver the unit standards in the BCATS domain that are part of the BConstructive programme.

TEOs that do not have accreditation for the ECS domain and wish to deliver the qualifications will need to apply for a Letter of Recommendation from the BCITO to attach to their domain accreditation application to NZQA.

For further information relating to accreditation requirements please refer to the BCITO AMAP (0048) which can be located on the NQF or direct enquiries to Lesley Brittenden, in the BCITO Quality Assurance Team.

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Access to the Resource and Assessment Material

BConstructive resource material is web-based, and free to secondary schools and accredited providers. It is available online at www.bconstructive.co.nz.

To access the BConstructive resources you need to complete an online registration process using your provider/school's unique ID number – the BConstructive Registration Number.

If your school or organisation has not received their BConstructive Registration Number please email info@bconstructive.co.nz to request it.

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A sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to this innovative and exciting initiative. We look forward to working with you in 2008. Have a safe and merry Christmas.



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