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2006 was a year of consolidation for the BCITO. The growth in apprentice numbers was balanced by the number of apprentices completing their qualifications. A major emphasis was placed on qualifications review and development, and planning activities focusing on the Strategic Training Plan which looks out at the industry and economic context over the next five years.

A number of key achievements were reached in 2006;

- *Straight to Work Construction Skills programme* - Of the 31 clients who completed the programme in 2006, 22 are employed full-time in construction-related trades, one is employed full-time in an unrelated industry, and three have gone on to further education.
- *Carpentry Review* – 15 consultation forums were held with industry stakeholders across the country prior to the formal review of the National Certificate in Carpentry this year. A number of recommendations came out of the forums which will be incorporated into the full review of the qualification later this year.
- *BCITO Workplace Assessor Training* - The BCITO Training and Development team was established to deliver a 2 day industry tailored course to BCITO registered workplace assessors.
- *Apprentice of the Year* –The BCITO supported the nine regional Registered Master Builders 2006 Carters Apprentice of the Year competitions.
- *Building Careers Week* – Building Careers Week was successfully held from 11-17 September 2006 to raise awareness of careers in the building and construction industry.
- *Building & Construction Allied Trades [BCATS]*- The BCATS initiative will develop and implement a set of unit standards that are appropriate for numerous construction areas (at an entry level) and provide recognition for these no matter which career path a student chooses to take upon leaving school.

If you would like a copy of the BCITO 2006 Annual Report please email us at national.office@bcito.org.nz or download it from the Key Documents section of our website www.bcito.org.nz.

Carpentry Literacy Profile released

As part of its proactive leadership role BCITO commissioned Workbase to develop a literacy profile of a carpenter. The profile lists the literacy skills sets required of a carpenter as well as outlining the tasks that require a certain level of literacy.

BCITO will continue this year to work with Workbase to develop and pilot suitable literacy assessment options and appropriate methodologies to assist apprentices that are identified as having literacy difficulties.

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