

DRINKING WATER REFRESHER COURSES

28 February-3 March 2017 & 10-13 April 2017, Wellington (including optional 1 day Workshop on 'Drinking Water Online Database' on 3 March and 13 April 2017)

SMS has been contracted to provide two four-day Drinking Water Refresher courses. The courses will be held on 28 February-3 March and 10-13 April 2017 respectively. **The course content will be same for both courses.**

The format for the course will deliver a more operational, scenario based training and a greater emphasis will be given to facilitated work group sessions. This aims to create an environment where students can learn from and share their experiences with others from around the country.

The Havelock North outbreak has created opportunities for Public Health Units to review their own operations and SMS plans to bring relevant scenarios to the training that can help build professional development in this area.

The final day on each course will provide face to face training on the new Drinking Water Online database. It is expected that at least one PHU team member who is attending the Refresher course will be available to attend the database training day. This person should be familiar with the current WINZ6 and 7 systems and they will become the 'go-to' person for the PHU as the database is rolled out.

Integrated within the course will be updates and refresher components about the Ministry's policy and strategic framework, associated compliance activities with respect of the Health (DW) Amendment Act 2007, together with technical and scientific issues around water supply catchments, treatment, reticulation etc, and discussion of contemporary and special issues. Particular emphasis will be given to practising and solving complex issues and application of the legislation (roles, functions and duties).

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COURSE GRADUATES WILL HAVE AN APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF:

- Policies and strategies for achieving the aims of the Act and the organisation of compliance activities in the Health sector, including the relevant roles of DHBs and MoH.
- The purposes, machinery and implementation opportunities of the Health (DW) Amendment Act 2007 and understanding the interaction of the Act with complementary legislation (i.e. RMA, Building Act, Food Act etc).
- Undertaking DW Investigations - Systematic Approach.
- Scenarios/Exercises – covering contemporary DW issues (Kaikoura, Havelock North).
- Case studies – applied to specific topic areas.
- Compliance issues of public health significance.
- Relevant Water Supply/Treatment Technologies.
- Special topics.
- DW Online Database training, including update on and transition to the new database.
- Annual Report on Microbiological DW Survey.

EACH COURSE STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE FOR:

- A variety of expert speakers
- Networking opportunities
- Skills development
- An appreciation of MoH policy with respect to Drinking Water compliance
- An appreciation of compliance provisions provided by the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007
- Practical application of the legislation through case studies, overviews and discussions.

Those attending the Workshop will need to bring laptops/tablets with Microsoft Internet Explorer v11 or greater installed, along with any of the following web-browsers: Firefox v47.0, Google Chrome v51.0, Microsoft Internet Explorer v9, Microsoft Internet Explorer v10 to make full use of the hands-on training.

If this is a problem there may be an option of using a laptop provided by the Ministry – please advise us if this is the case.

COURSE FEE:

Two people per Public Health Service (four from Auckland, three from Wellington and Canterbury) are fully subsidised by the Ministry of Health for each course, including the Workshop. Please refer to separate correspondence relating to this.

There are additional spaces available on each course for non-subsidised registrants. The course fee for non-subsidised registrants is \$3,820.00 (+ GST) per student. This covers the Workshop, airfares, airport transfers, accommodation, meals, a course function,

REGISTER NOW BY:

Completing a course registration form (**clearly indicating which course you prefer to attend and whether you plan to attend the Workshop**) and forwarding it to the Academic Administrator, Allison Graham, via:

- Post: SMS Training, P O Box 1364, Invercargill
- Ph: (03) 214 2375
- Fax: (03) 214 2410
- Email: allison.graham@smsl.co.nz

Registrations close on 27 January 2017.



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