

**NATIONAL BORDER HEALTH & SHIPS SANITATION CERTIFICATE COURSE**  
**31 July – 4 August 2023**  
**Brentwood Hotel, Wellington**

This is a 5-day face to face training course for Public Health regulatory staff involved in enforcement and administration of the Health Act, Biosecurity Act (and related Regulations) and the International Health Regulations 2005.

The course aim is to provide the attendees with the knowledge and skills they will require in order to effectively conduct their statutory duties at New Zealand's Points of Entry.

**Preference should be given to those needing Biosecurity Act Enforcement Officer warrants or those renewing their existing warrant who are unable to attend the Medical Vectors course in October.**

***PRE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS:***

Before the course commences attendees should:

- a) complete the WHO On-Line Training Package,
- b) read the 'Handbook for Inspection of Ships and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates' and complete the related assessment,
- c) read their office's Border Health (or Ill Traveller) Response Plan, and
- d) if possible, participate in a Ship Sanitation Certification assessment (either alone or with an authorised person).

***AT THE COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING THE ATTENDEE SHOULD BE ABLE TO:***

- Describe the relevant national and international legislative frameworks associated with the delivery of Border Health Management
- Demonstrate the steps and rationale to effectively undertake a Ship Sanitation Control inspection
- Demonstrate they have the competencies for designation as an Authorised or Accredited Person under the Biosecurity Act 1993
- Demonstrate that they are capable of conducting medical vector surveillance and control activities at Points of Entry
- Demonstrate they have the knowledge and skills to be able to contribute effectively to Border Health emergency responses
- Understand public health risks and processes to escalate these through appropriate reporting channels.

***THE COURSE STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE FOR:***

- Problem solving syndicated workshops.
- Field exercises.
- A variety of expert speakers.
- Policy advice from Te Whatu Ora.

***SUBJECTS THE COURSE WILL COVER INCLUDE:***

- Describing exotic vectors of public health significance.
- Demonstrating mosquito surveillance and control measures.
- Describing the statutory framework that relates to border health protection.
- Demonstrating the application of the International Health Regulations 2005 Ships Sanitation Certificate processes to border health scenarios.
- Demonstrating the surveillance process applicable to border health protection at a Point of Entry.

***REGISTRATIONS:***

Attendance is limited to one person per Public Health Service (except Auckland, Toi Te Ora, Wellington and Canterbury who will be allowed two).

Registrations for this course are limited to 16 people.

***HOW TO REGISTER:***

Complete a course registration form and forward it to Allison Graham, Academic Administrator, via:

- Post: SMS Training, P O Box 1364, Invercargill,
- Email: [allison.graham@smsl.co.nz](mailto:allison.graham@smsl.co.nz)

**Registrations close on Friday 19 May 2023.**

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