

NATIONAL BORDER HEALTH & SHIPS SANITATION CERTIFICATE COURSE

Online via Microsoft Teams, 20-24 July 2020 (9.00am – 12.30pm daily)

This is an online course for Public Health Services and allied professionals involved in enforcement and administration of the Health Act, International Health Regulations 2005 and Biosecurity Act, and the implementation of related Regulations.

Preference should be given to staff seeking to be warranted under the Biosecurity Act or those who need to attend to renew their warrant (and are unable to attend the Medical Vectors course in October).

Attendees have to complete the following pre-course work so they are prepared to participate effectively: a) the **WHO On-Line Training Package**, b) read the **'Handbook for Inspection of Ships and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates'** (all PHUs should have a copy), and c) **an assessment in relation to the Handbook.**

Attendees will also require access to a PC or tablet with webcam, microphone and broadband internet, and a separate room where they will not be disturbed during the training.

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.

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
- Understand the steps and rationale to effectively undertake Ship Sanitation Control inspections
- 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:

- A variety of expert speakers
- Policy advice from the Ministry of Health

SUBJECTS THE COURSE WILL COVER INCLUDE:

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

NB: Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to include practical demonstrations and assessments in this training course. Therefore students will not immediately be eligible for warranting as an Authorised Person under the Biosecurity Act. Six months of post-course supervision and assessment by an approved mentor will be required before a warrant can be approved.

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
- Fax: (03) 214 2410

Registrations close on 26 June 2020.

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