

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT REFRESHER COURSE

Online training, 4-7 August 2020

This is an online course (4 half days) for statutory officers undertaking activities in public health aspects of resource management to enable them to effectively submit on RMA processes, attend hearings and the Environment Court, and undertake other activities so they can improve, promote and protect public health using the Resource Management Act 1991, the Local Government Act 2002 and the Environmental Health Protection Manual. **This course would suit officers with some experience in RMA processes.**

Attendees should have attended a Council or Environment Court resource consent hearing within the last year if possible.

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

- The Resource Management Act and Regulations' key sections
- Resource Management Plans - planning processes and related topics e.g. NPS on Urban Development Capacity
- Public Health implications of UDC and opportunities for engagement in process
- Opportunities for health protection and promotion input into the planning process
- The Resource Consent Process
- RMA – how to influence decision-makers from the perspective of Commissioners, the Ministry and Planners
- Managing participation in plan and consent processes
- PHS approaches to RMA – Service Specifications and scope of environmental topics
- How to prepare an efficient submission
- Responsibilities as submitter
- How to prepare and present evidence in a hearings setting and use of Expert Witnesses e.g. ESR, ENAAS
- Rules for and participation in Hearing proceedings
- Mediation – assisted dispute resolution

THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- RMA planning – how to influence decision makers
- Managing public health outcomes through resource management

- Influencing plan and policy development and the consent process under the RMA
- RMA and health
- Submissions on Plans, Plan Changes, etc
- Timeframes, Forms Regulations
- RMA processes – officer reports, evidence, negotiations, etc
- Appeals, mediation, case management
- Hearings evidence – what is expected
- Preparing evidence
- Expert witnesses
- Best practice guidance and Ministry expectations
- Mediation
- Case studies and syndicate work

THE COURSE STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE FOR:

The course will provide a mix of plenary sessions with syndicate group work. It will be an intensive yet rewarding learning experience designed to improve practice skills.

COURSE FEE:

Spaces are available for four officers from Auckland, three each from Wellington and Canterbury, and two each from the other Public Health Units. Please refer to the invitation letter relating to this course.

REGISTER NOW BY:

Completing a course registration form and forwarding it to the Academic Administrator, Allison Graham, via:

- Post: SMS Training, P O Box 1364, Invercargill
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Registrations close on 10 July 2020.

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