

NATIONAL BORDER HEALTH & SHIPS SANITATION CERTIFICATE COURSE

Brentwood Hotel, Wellington, 17-21 July 2017

This is a 5 day residential 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 who are actively involved in border health protection activities and who need to attend to maintain competency. Anyone wishing to attend the course this year has to register through ihrrt@who.int for the On-Line Training Package, and have completed it prior to course commencement. They are also required to visit a ship and participate in a Ship Sanitation Certification assessment – either alone or with an authorised person. The ship visit must be done within the period of May-July this year.

It is also required that attendees do some pre-course reading so they are prepared to participate effectively. The pre-course reading is available on the SMS website <http://www.smsl.co.nz/Our+Services/Training/Pre-Course+Reading.html> or on EMIS.

The course purpose is to provide attendees with detailed knowledge of the Biosecurity Act and Health Act and measures to plan and respond to border health protection issues and events of public health significance, with a principal focus on ship sanitation and exotic vectors of public health significance e.g. mosquitoes.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COURSE GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and International Quarantine Regulations 2005 and their enforcement by persons accredited or authorized by Chief Technical Officer (Health)
- Demonstrate an understanding of Section Five Border Health Protection of the Environmental Health Protection Manual and provide considered input to a discussion about this section
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Ministry of Health's border health policies and procedures
- Describe the most probable exotic mosquitoes that could become established in New Zealand and which may cause a public health threat
- Present an overview of arboviruses and parasites vectored by exotic mosquitoes
- Demonstrate survey methods used in effective surveillance programmes for mosquitoes at borders
- Describe the procedures required to conduct a Ships Sanitation Certification inspection
- Describe the administrative processes required for the organisation of a Ship Sanitation inspection and the processes required after the physical inspection of the vessel has been completed

- Describe the effective measures to respond to public health risks at Point of Entry including the interceptions of mosquitoes of public health significance
- Utilise planning processes to formulate effective operational plans
- Practice the formulation, application, and evaluation of operational plans
- Develop and execute operational plans to exercise scenarios and applied settings.

THE COURSE STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE FOR:

- A variety of expert speakers
- Problem solving syndicated workshops
- Integrated networking
- Field exercises
- Policy advice from the Ministry of Health

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

COURSE FEE:

The Ministry of Health will fully subsidise a limited number of attendees per Public Health Service. Please refer to separate correspondence relating to this.

For non-subsidised attendees the course fee is set at \$3,275.00 (+ GST) per student. This includes airfares, accommodation, meals, morning and afternoon teas, external lecturer's fees, course notes, course function, airport transfers and course administration.

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

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