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Kia ora koutou,

As TTM Trainers and Assessors, we would like you to be the first to have it confirmed that from 1st November 2024 Waka Kotahi intends to cease administration and registration of TTM warrants where there is an identical unit standard offering.

This change will see TMO-NP, TMO, STMS Universal, STMS -NP, and STMS warrants turned off and unit standards 31958, 31959, 31960, 31961, 31962, and 31963 delivered through Connexis using current TTM trainers and assessors and existing training material that Waka Kotahi has shared with Connexis.

This will mean one credential (a unit standard) will be awarded for each of set of training and assessment instead of 2 (warrant and unit standard).

The TTM Credentials Framework that has been developed, consulted on, and agreed with industry is still the desired end state and multiple groups are continuing their work on delivering this vision. This change is an interim phase that moves as much as possible to the NZ qualifications and credentials framework right now to align with the archiving of CoPTTM in October 2024.

I know you will have questions about what this means for you and your trainees, and I have attempted to pre-empt answers to many of these below. Please do send me other questions you have so I can add them to my FAQ file, seek answers for you from the relevant administration body, and make sure this transition is as smooth as possible.

There will be wider communication with industry about this change over the coming weeks including a newsletter next week, and we will also be sending an invitation to a webinar where we can answer questions you have about the future of TTM training and assessment.

#### Q&A

#### Why are we doing this?

With CoPTTM due to be archived by the end of October 2024 a question arose about how the TTM training and competency model will continue to be enabled.

Through internal discussions it was determined that except for 'All workers must have the appropriate training and credentials and be competent to do their work safely', the move to NZGTTM means we will no longer be required to maintain a warranting system for TTM training and all training offered by Waka Kotahi will become optional.

Further discussion amongst various TTM industry suppliers, representatives, and training bodies shifted the approach further and we explored an option that would see Waka Kotahi ending the administration of TTM warrants where there is an identical unit standard offering.

We also realised there would be additional benefits to this option:

- Simplifying the TTM training system ahead of wider transition
  - Moving the TTM industry closer to the eventual ways of working with the future credentials framework and preparing people for that transition
  - Allowing appropriate organisations to manage training earlier than anticipated
  - Removing the double up of certification for the same roles
- It will also reduce administrative pressure on the Waka Kotahi technical training and education team so we can respond to queries and process the remaining warrant registrations in a timely manner

#### What is the final date for TMO and STMS warrants to be awarded?

Waka Kotahi will register warrant training completed up to and including 31 October 2024.

From 1 November 2024 any workshops and assessments related to the following will be awarded unit standards only:

- US 31958 Explain the role of and operate as a TTM worker on the worksite under temporary traffic management
- US 31959 Demonstrate knowledge of stakeholders and operational requirements for temporary traffic management
- US 31960 Maintain the TTM worksite, install and remove a worksite, and undertake an inspection activity
- US 31961 Explain the requirements for the worksite under temporary traffic management
- US 31962 Explain the requirements for the worksite under temporary traffic management for a road environment as defined in CoPTTM
- US 31963 Operate as a practising Site Traffic Management Specialist (STMS) within a road environment as defined in CoPTTM

### Can I still search my warrants on the TTM training database public search?

All remaining Waka Kotahi warranted workshops will continue to be registered in the TTM training database and available in the public search once processed along with any warrants you have been awarded at any time in the past.

Note that unit standards are not available to search on the TTM training database public search. These can be accessed through your record of achievement on the NZQA website.

New Zealand Record of Achievement :: NZQA

#### Are any warrants staying?

Yes – not all TTM warrants have an equivalent unit standard or a replacement skill standard or micro-credential yet. At this stage we intend to continue registering the following warrants via their relevant trainers:

- Inspector
- STMS Mobile NP
- STMS Mobile
- KCTL

#### How will refreshers work?

Because the NZ Guide to temporary traffic management (NZGTTM) and the Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) do not specify training requirements beyond a *primary duty of care to provide workers with appropriate information, training, instruction, or supervision necessary to protect all persons from risks to their health and safety arising from their work,* it is up to individual organisations to determine what refreshing knowledge and reassessing competence looks like.

### Who will deliver the training for theory unit standards (ie non-practising TMO and STMS)?

TTM trainers approved by Waka Kotahi and Connexis as of 31 October 2024 will continue to be the trainers who deliver theory training in this interim model.

Those trainers are currently required to register as assessors with Connexis in order to award unit standards 31959, 31961, and 31962 and the unit standards trainers have on their scope will remain.

All training material will be de-branded and transferred to Connexis in order for trainers to maintain their access.

## How will learners know what category of road they've been trained for?

Unit standards 31962 and 31963 allow for assessment against any of 3 road environment options as defined in CoPTTM ie category A, B, or C. However, regardless of the roading environment assessed against the same unit standard will be awarded.

It is up to the employer to determine if the worker is sufficiently trained and capable to work in a particular environment of road. Unit standard training and assessment may contribute to this determination and but the worker and employer's own record keeping of the categories of road they've been trained and assessed on will help determine if PCBU obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) have been met.

## What do I do if my trainer warrant expires?

You do not need to do anything as Connexis does not register trainers. As a registered Connexis assessor you are required to maintain your registration by:

- reporting a unit standard result within the last 12 months,
- attending an assessor forum once every two years,
- meeting moderation requirements.

## Will there still be a registration fee?

There will be a registration fee for each unit standard or warrant which is payable to the primary organisation who registers the information.

- Registration will continue to be invoiced by Waka Kotahi at \$40+GST for Inspector, STMS Mobile NP and STMS Mobile, and KCTL warrants.
- Reporting of unit standards using your Results Reporting Workbook to Connexis will be invoiced at \$6.50+GST per credit. Credit amounts vary between 5, 10 or 20 credits per TTM unit standard and will be invoiced accordingly.
- The following registration fees will apply and be charged by Connexis:
  - US 31958 (aka TTM Worker) 5 credits \$32.50+GST
  - US 31959 (aka TMO-NP) 5 credits \$32.50+GST
  - US 31960 (aka TMO) 10 credits \$65+GST

- US 31961 (aka STMS U) 5 credits \$32.50+GST
- US 31962 (aka STMS-NP) 5 credits \$32.50+GST
- US 31963 (aka STMS) 20 credits \$130+GST

As always, if you have any specific questions or ideas to add to the FAQs please get in touch with me or the team at <a href="mailto:ttm.quals@nzta.govt.nz">ttm.quals@nzta.govt.nz</a>.

Ngā mihi nui

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