



Firetech Training Limited
Leaders in Fire Technology Training

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First of all a Happy New Year to all our students and their managers / supervisors, we hope that 2011 will be a very successful year for you all and that Firetech will be able to help you in completing your training to be compliant in the Fire Protection Systems Industry.

CHANGES AT FIRETECH

Kevin Kennedy (Managing Director) and Penny Stedman (Office Manager) two people who have left an unforgettable mark at Firetech Training have decided to enjoy retirement.

We will miss their professional expertise and knowledge and wish them only success and happiness in their future endeavours - may they be all that you hoped for!

Casper Badenhorst, who was appointed as the Administration Manager, will now be the first contact at Firetech for all administration, enrolment and training material enquiries.

Our two Training Managers, Wayne Philip and Henare K Ngawhika, are still available for any assessment and training enquiries.

NEW STUDENT ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

From 1 January 2011 there has been a major change in the way that student training is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). This has created a situation whereby the Industry Training Organisations have been compelled to review fees and enrolment procedures going forward from that date.

From 1 January 2011 all student enrolments for fire protection training will be made through Competenz, the ITO responsible for the fire protection industry qualifications. Any enrolments which are sent to Firetech Training Limited will be forwarded to Competenz who will carry out the enrolment process through their local representatives. All fees will be set by Competenz and collected directly by them. The telephone contact number for the Customer Service Department of Competenz is 0800 526 1800.

Firetech Training Limited will continue to provide the correspondence (off job) training to all students exactly as before. There will be some changes to the delivering of off job assessments as per the TEC requirements.

On job assessment services will still be available from Firetech Training Limited staff but will no longer be subsidised by Competenz. Quotes can be given on request for individual students who require this service.

Competenz has further advised that no subsidy will be available to candidates for Competency Based Assessment fast-track qualifications, and the full fee for this will now be the responsibility of the candidate. Firetech Training Limited will provide this service directly to clients who require it and quotes can be given on request.

The staff at Firetech Training Limited will work hard on behalf of our clients to ensure that the changeover is as smooth as possible. Rest assured that we will continue to offer you our best efforts to assist all students to obtain their qualifications.

NEW STUDENT ONLINE ACCESS

Firetech have implemented a new student portal on our website for all currently enrolled students (excluding those who have completed or withdrawn) as well as their managers / supervisors to view their record of learning and logbook entries as they progress through their studies.

Please visit our website and request your username and password via the following URL
<http://webportal.firetech.co.nz:8008/home.aspx>

EWRB REFRESHER COURSES

The timetable and the costs for the 2011 EWRB refresher courses for registered electricians are now available on our website at <http://www.firetech.co.nz/ewrb.html>.

We can also arrange for a special one-on-one session for anyone who needs a refresher course urgently and cannot make the regular courses. However the cost for this will be higher and you will also have to arrange the first aid refresher yourself as this will not be included.

SHORT COURSES

Firetech also offers a number of short training courses (half day or full day) for groups (minimum 8 persons) including fire science/use of hand extinguishers and fixed hose reels covering the requirements of Unit Standards 3271 and 4647; health and safety in the workplace (US 497); identify, prepare for and take action in a workplace emergency (US 16797) or a combination of these to meet specific requirements. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact us to discuss your needs.