



**Firetech Training Limited**  
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### **QUALIFICATIONS = JOBS**

It can be all too easy look at the current economic climate and take fright pulling in our horns and cutting spending to the bone. Investing in education is often put off 'until things improve' but maybe we should stop and think. Ask ourselves whether that is the best path to success? There is a saying that "*The future depends on what we do in the present*" and whatever happens in the economic short term, investing in education is never wasted.

Those with a bolder outlook on life will have seen the same signs and viewed them as an opportunity. If there is some spare time in the working week, look at it as a chance to put in some study towards an industry qualification. When things improve that investment of time will result in a well skilled workforce ready to confidently take on the new work opportunities.

In the interim, competition for existing jobs is going to get that much tougher. Undoubtedly those who hold or are studying towards an appropriate national certificate will be preferred above those with no qualifications.

If you have been considering studying towards a fire protection National Certificate course now is the time to start things off. Contact Firetech Training for information on what courses are available and an enrolment pack will be provided on request.

### **EWRB REFRESHER COURSES**

The timetable for the EWRB refresher courses offered by Firetech Training at their Albany base has been set up for the 2009 series. If you, or someone you know, is due to renew their practising licence this year, contact Firetech for dates and get booked in for a course. As in previous years, the first aid/CPR portion of the refresher course will also be provided and of course our very popular light supper will be included.

Those in the fire protection industry outside Auckland who want to take up the option of an in-house EWRB refresher course for their employees at their own premises, please contact Firetech to arrange suitable times/dates. There is a minimum of 8 students required for this course. We regret that First Aid/CPR cannot be included outside of Auckland.

### **SHORT TRAINING COURSES**

Firetech also conducts 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. Other courses are in preparation.