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### **NEW PASSIVE FIRE QUALIFICATION - AVAILABLE IN EARLY 2010!**

Firetech has been working with Competenz our industry ITO towards setting up a new qualification stream for people working in passive fire protection.

At the request of industry, we are currently preparing a draft for a new qualification at Level 3. This is intended to cover the requirements of the Building Code Compliance Handbook SS15 (Other fire safety systems or fixtures) to meet the needs of industry to increase knowledge of passive fire protection requirements. The formal qualification is anticipated to be available in 2010, but Competenz has indicated that they may be agreeable to training commencing prior to that date.

At the same time, work will go ahead on the preparation of a formal National Certificate at Level 4. This qualification is provided for new building installation personnel and inspectors. It is also intended for those with less experience or who are coming into this field of work for the first time.

People undertaking the proposed Level 4 National Certificate qualification will achieve unit standards covering the conduct of a compliance inspection for the different types of passive fire protection, knowledge of passive fire systems including products, components and installation requirements and the legislation related to this branch of our industry.

There will also be unit standards providing knowledge of fire science, its behaviour and development, workplace health and safety requirements, first aid and resuscitation and fire fighting requirements together with basic report writing.

The Level 4 Qualification should be developed, moderated and receive formal approval from NZQA as a full National Certificate by the middle of 2010.

Why not register your interest now by contacting Firetech Training Limited either by phone to 09 414 4242 or email to [info@firetech.co.nz](mailto:info@firetech.co.nz) and become one of the first people to gain this competency!