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ACC may reintroduce work experience rating for individual businesses

We are informed that ACC is introducing a new computer system that is designed to calculate experience rating on a per business basis instead of the current system that calculates per industry sector.

This will possibly have a profound effect on the thousands of businesses that have been able to shelter behind the good performance of others without having sufficient incentive to do something serious themselves to improve their track record.

Workers must also take note as this will affect their taxation and they will either pay higher or lower premiums according to their diligence in implementation of Injury Prevention policies and procedures.



Summit Systems has been able to demonstrate an average reduction of 70% in the frequency and seriousness of workplace accidents

This should help nearly all of clients achieve much better premiums if ACC follows through with incentives to improvements in workplace safety. We will encourage Clients to take this matter seriously as every dollar in the coming years will have twice the VALUE if the world recession continues.

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IMPORTANT NOTES RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

SERIOUS HARMS TO BE REPORTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Act requires that serious harms be reported as soon as possible. In Australia the timeframe for reporting is 24 hours and this makes for an orderly assessment and for a thorough clinical diagnosis. It is often the case in New Zealand that if clients report immediately then they are working on rushed interpretations of what they think might be the situation in relationship to the harm suffered by the victim.

Our recommendation is that you always let us report the serious harm on your behalf as this makes for a slight time delay to allow us to collect facts and then make careful comparison with the definition under the legislation.

It should also be noted that the definition of serious harm is being reviewed at present. Currently the Act excludes things such as bruising and punctures.

A broad definition that we often use is that any accident involving a visit to the doctor is likely to be a serious harm.

An important benefit of us handling the initial reporting to the Dept of Labour OSH is that we can discuss the details without declaring the name of the client at the outset. It also allows us to explore what the department attitude might be in relationship to their rough ranking:

- 1. minor and unlikely to warrant a departmental investigation,
- 2. more serious and may warrant a departmental investigation, or
- 3. very serious and will certainly involve a departmental investigation.

2.

WE HAVE MOVED ADDRESS

We wish to advise clients that our Christchurch office has moved from 21 Hands Rd to 29 Hands Rd. The phone numbers are still the same.

Summit Systems NZ Ltd. Phone lines are 03 338 8820 (2 lines), fax is 03 338 8353

Contractors and Trades Training Academy
Phone line is 03 335 0404.

For serious accidents and professional advice
HOTLINE IS STILL THE SAME 03 338 8820



GORE BRANCH & PLANT TRAINING CENTRE

The phone numbers are 03 208 1211 and 208 4177. The fax line is 03 208 1211. A training facility will be added as soon as practicable and students will be able to enrol for Ag Contracting National Cert in Plant Operation.

ASHBURTON PLANT TRAINING CENTRE

This facility is nearing completion and has been designed to cater for practical land based training of candidates enrolling for the Ag Contracting National Cert in Plant Operation. The address is Yeatman Bros Ltd Hendersons Rd, RD 3 Ashburton. Phone 03 303 7567.

APPLEBY PLANT TRAINING CENTRE

It is proposed that we use the facilities available at Appleby in Nelson Bays to operate another plant training facility. This proposal should be easy to launch and we enjoy strong support from NMIT.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATES OFFERED

- Rural Contracting Introductory Skills L1
- Agricultural Contracting Operator L3
- General Introductory Skills Operator L2
- Infrastructure Health, Safety Environment L3
- Occ Health & Safety Workplace Level 3
- Occ Health & Safety Coordinator Level 4



3.

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR TRAINED AND QUALIFIED PLANT/MACHINERY OPERATORS.

Our Academy will set up a register from existing and new clients so that it will be possible for contractors and large farmers to have access to a pool of trained and qualified plant (heavy machinery) operators. We expect that the Govt will provide subsidy of perhaps up to \$2500 per candidate. The candidate will contribute up to \$1000 for the qualification. The employers who register will become eligible to have candidates placed for work experience of 4-6 weeks and the proposed early bird fee is \$500 per week with a registration fee of \$300 per candidate (Add GST).

NEW FOCUS AND EMPHASIS FOR SUMMIT SYSTEMS NZ LTD



Summit intends to revert back to the regular monthly or quarterly visits that we were known for around 1990 – 1993. Service Consult role and benefits.

Essentially we will again offer professionally trained and qualified Consultants who will be able to make monthly visits and complete all of the compliance work on behalf of the thousands of sites that will have to lay off staff and middle managers.

First ever private prosecutions?

Police and prison bosses are being taken to court, accused of failing to protect the public from Graeme Burton, who murdered while on parole.

They are also facing private prosecution under health and safety law for failures leading to the death of Nelson woman Debbie Ashton, who was killed in a collision with a car driven by drunk repeat offender Jonathon Barclay.

The unprecedented action is being mounted by the Sensible Sentencing Trust under the Health and Safety in Employment Act.

Papers have been filed by trust spokesman Garth McVicar against Police Commissioner Howard Broad, Wellington police chief Pieri Munro, Corrections chief Barry Matthews, former Rimutaka Prison manager Christopher Smith, and probation service manager Katrina Casey.

Actions have also been filed against the Police and Corrections Departments. An application is being made to the High Court next month to allow the case to proceed even though it is outside the six-month time limit laid down in the HSE Act.