

National Certificate in Civil Infrastructure Health, Safety, and Environment (Operations) (Level 3) - Assessment by Case Study Discussion

Tai Poutini Polytechnic, in collaboration with Competency International Ltd, developed an assessment package that enables people employed in the civil construction industry at a supervisory level or higher, to attain the National Certificate in Civil Infrastructure Health, Safety, and Environment (Operations) (Level 3). The Certificate includes Operate Safe Bronze and Silver Cards, and is endorsed by InfraTrain. The assessment is conducted by Case Study Discussion.

What is Assessment by Case Study Discussion?

Case Study Discussion is a form of assessment that allows the candidate to demonstrate competence through presentation of an industry-based case study and subsequent discussions with their peers. The candidate is encouraged to provide a variety of evidence that supports their case study and strengthens their capacity to guide the conversation. Led by the candidate, this exchange between equals forms the basis of the assessment. After each presentation there is a group discussion, which focusses on exploring the content of the case studies. The primary aim of the discussion is to enable the candidate to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge.

How does Case Study Discussion work?

Assessment by Professional Conversation is carried out in groups of three, with an assessor present. Each presenter is allocated 70 minutes inclusive of both the presentation and discussion. The presentation should explore specific aspects of health, safety and the environment as it relates to the project. There are a number of ways you can present this project – by using a power point presentation, OHP, interactive role play or by taking part in a round table discussion/presentation using documentation to illustrate processes and procedures.

Essentially you are telling a story: the good and the bad; reasons for doing what you did; things learned from the project and what you would do differently. Ensure you

address specific parts of relevant legislation (as covered by the qualification) and include examples of how you resolved any issues, and how you would approach future projects.

You are required to complete a questionnaire prior to attending the assessment, and provide evidence of your current First Aid certificate and STMS registration.

On successful completion, the credits will be registered with NZQA and InfraTrain will award you with the National Certificate in Civil Infrastructure Health, Safety, and Environment (Operations) (Level 3). If you are an Operate Safe member, you will be able to apply for your Operate Safe Silver Card.

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