

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS



UPDATE SEMINARS FOR CURRENT CERTIFICATE HOLDERS



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WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

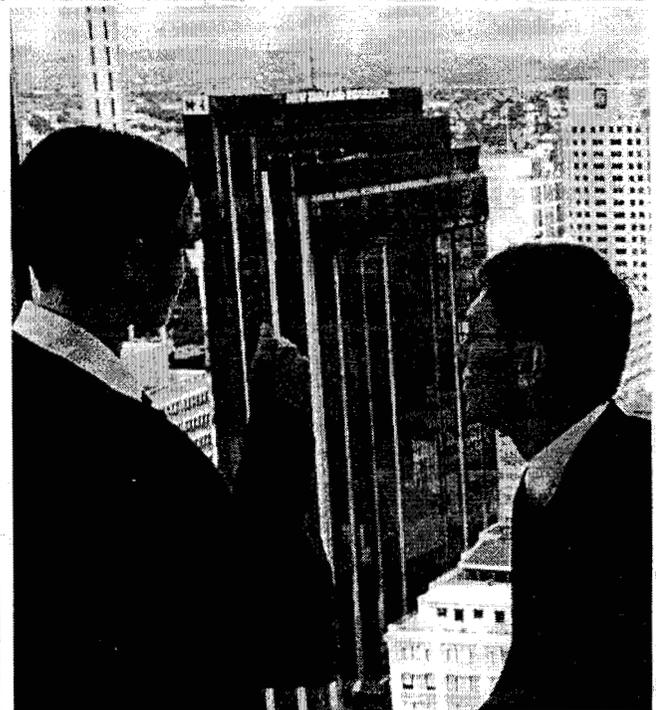
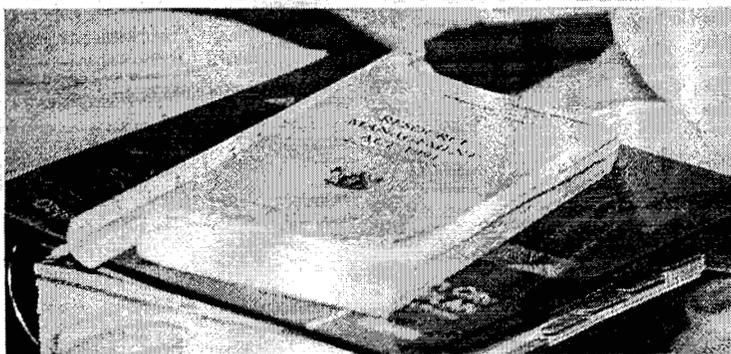
- Get common sense advice on the powers & obligations created by recent amendments to the RMA, relating to hearings & decisions
- Engage with other decision-makers in new, practical exercises on matters directly related to your role
- Take the opportunity to raise, discuss and get advice on practice issues that you may have encountered at hearings
- Get recognition for attending

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All current certificate holders
- Those with certificates issued 1 July 2005
- Those with certificates issued 1 January 2006

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Congratulations!

You have already achieved certification under the Making Good Decisions Programme. This means that you are one of 688 people already assessed as having the skills and knowledge required to run fair and effective hearings, and make informed decisions, under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA).

As you will be aware, the Programme has been designed and promoted in partnership by the Ministry for the Environment and Local Government New Zealand, and is delivered by The University of Auckland's Centre for Continuing Education.

Certification through the Programme is a key means by which decision-makers can comply with the requirement for accreditation under the RMA. The Programme is well regarded by certificate holders, and by those with an interest in the quality and credibility of local decision making under the RMA. The Programme has been awarded the Resource Management Law Association's Supreme Award for 2005, and has been nominated for the New Zealand Planning Institute's Award of Merit for 2005.

WHY UPDATE SEMINARS?

The Programme partners consulted with decision-makers in designing the Programme. At that stage, decision-makers told us that they wanted us to keep the course material up-to-date and keep participants up-to-speed with changes and advances in practice. It's also clear from the certificate holders like you that you want further opportunities to consolidate your knowledge and skills. Seminars provide an opportunity for you to share your experiences and raise and obtain advice on practice issues that you have encountered in the intervening period.

Update seminars are also an effective means by which we can make available practical guidance on emerging practice issues, and on the exercise of powers and obligations created by amendments to the RMA.

It has always been made clear to certificate holders that they would be expected to attend one such update seminar during the three year life of their certificates.

For these reasons, Local Government New Zealand and the Ministry for the Environment strongly encourage you to attend an update seminar. A list of current certificate holders is contained on the Ministry for the Environment website:

(www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/resource/training/)

That list will be altered to indicate whether you have attended an update seminar.

WHY NOW?

The timing of the update seminars in mid-2006 reflects our desire to make available practical guidance on the powers and obligations created by last year's amendments to the RMA, as soon as it could be developed. The timing of the seminars also allows you to take advantage of improvements in the course material that we have initiated, in response to your feedback, after the first two rounds.

Please note that we have no intention to run any additional seminars on any other topics during the term of your certification.

WHAT DO THEY COVER?

The seminar will provide you with practical guidance on the use of powers and fulfillment of obligations relating to local decision making that were created by the 2005 amendments to the RMA. It will also introduce you to strengthened elements of the course material on other topics, such as consultation, questioning with purpose, and logical decision making.

Note: each seminar runs from 10am to 4pm. The ¾ day timeframe is intended to help you to maximize your day, allow for your travel to and from the venue, and avoid the need for any overnight stay (except in situations where this is unavoidable).

As a participant in the seminar, you will engage in exercises on the day, but there will be no requirement for you to complete pre or post-seminar assignments.

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Assessment and Certification Programme for RMA Decision Makers

→ UPDATE SEMINAR PROGRAMME*

Time	Focus
9.30am	Arrival - morning tea provided
10.00am	Welcome, introductions, outline of the day
10.15am	Presentation on consultation under the RMA
10.30am	Exercise - consultation and considerations relating to Maori
11.00am	Recap, instructions for afternoon
11.30am	Lunch
12.00pm	Presentation on pre-hearing meetings, pre-circulation, order of business, strike out, speaking rights and related matters
12.30pm	Exercise - consideration of scenarios relating to use of hearing powers
1.00pm	Presentation - questioning with purpose
1.15pm	Exercise - analysing evidence
1.45pm	Recap, discussion on link between hearing powers and evidence analysis
2.00pm	Presentation - the 10 step decision tool
2.15pm	Exercise - using the decision tool
2.45pm	Recap, discussion
3.00pm	Presentation - requirements of section 113
3.15pm	Afternoon tea - open forum on issues arising in practice
4.00pm	Seminar ends

**Please note that this is an indicative programme.*

WHAT DO I RECEIVE?

- Presentations and guidance on specific topics related to your role as a decision-maker
- A newly revised and updated version of the contents of your Workbook that you can insert into your existing cover
- Methods and tools you can use immediately
- Answers to any questions on practice that you may care to raise
- Group learning – you engage and work with other delegates
- Acknowledgement of your attendance on the Ministry web-based list of certificate holders
- Lunch and refreshments

QUESTIONS

Decision-Makers



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WHO WILL BE DELIVERING THE SEMINARS?

The Centre for Continuing Education has put together a great team of experienced presenters and facilitators to run the seminars. They include leading lawyers, who have presented the original training workshops, and who will be familiar to you (Alan Dormer, John Maassen, Stephen Christensen), senior practitioners who have recent experience in providing guidance and advice to hearing committees (Lee Beattie, Todd Whittaker, Andrew Henderson), and senior Ministry for the Environment staff acting as facilitators on the day (Angela Crang, Gina Sweetman, Phil Gurnsey).

WHERE ARE THE SEMINARS BEING HELD?

The 16 seminars are being held at a variety of locations during May, June, July and August this year (for dates and venues, please refer to the other side of this flyer). We have consulted with councils in finalising these dates. The number of seminars and the range of venues reflect our best attempt to balance accessibility, flexibility and cost-effectiveness.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The fee for attending an update seminar is \$198 per person (inclusive of GST). If you are a councillor or a community board member then it is likely that your council will cover the costs of your participation in the Programme. Independent commissioners and others will need to pay their own way.

The fee includes the cost of providing you with a newly revised and updated version of the contents of your Workbook. The fee does not include any travel or accommodation costs associated with your attendance at a seminar.

The registration fee covers less than 50% of the total cost of running the update seminars, as well as supplying you with updated version of your Workbook. The Ministry for the Environment will cover the remaining costs associated with delivery.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Enrolments open on **Friday 31 March 2006** and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for each location. Fees must accompany the enrolment form and are payable by cheque or Visa/MasterCard.

Enrolments close Friday 5 May 2006.

If a location is fully booked then participants will be offered a place in a workshop which has vacancies. If the participant chooses not to take the space in the nearest available workshop, they will be put on a list for possible extra workshops. Each workshop is limited to around 50 participants. Participants are sent a receipt and confirmation of place upon enrolment.

Note: registrations for update seminars are only open to those of you who have already obtained certificates under the Programme. The basic training, assessment and certification package is delivered as and when the need arises. For more information on training and certification rounds, contact the Course Manager.

WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT?

Despite our best efforts to make the seminars as convenient and accessible as possible, we appreciate that you may still be unable to attend any of the dates and venues indicated, due to non-negotiable personal or other commitments. If so, please contact the Course Administrator and indicate the nature of your difficulty. Once the registration period has closed, we will determine whether any additional seminars can be scheduled to cater for those of you otherwise unable to attend. Please note that any additional seminars are only likely to be held in the main centres.



→ ENROLMENT FORM

Yes! I am a current Making Good Decisions certificate holder

1. WORKSHOP DETAILS

Workshop code

Date

City

Fee \$

**Enrolments close on 5 May 2006*

2. PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Full Name

Title First name Surname

Postal Address

Phone (day/work)

Phone (a/h)

Direct Email

Fax

Please indicate the approximate number of resource consent hearings you have sat on since certification

3. PAYMENT DETAILS

Payable to The University of Auckland

FEE: \$176 + GST
(\$198 incl GST)

Cash

Cheque

Invoice *Requires a purchase order and full company or organisation details attached*

Visa

Mastercard

Card Number

Expiry Date

Signature

→ TO ENROL

5 EASY WAYS TO ENROL

1. ONLINE

www.cce.auckland.ac.nz/rma

Credit card enrolment: Visa & Mastercard only

2. BY TELEPHONE

0800 UNICONTED (0800 864 266)

or +64 9 373 7599 ext 87831/87832

Credit card enrolment: Visa & Mastercard only

3. BY MAIL

Freeport No. 5058

Centre for Continuing Education

The University of Auckland

Private Bag 92019, Auckland

Cheque, credit card or invoice

4. BY FACSIMILE

+64 9 373 7419

Credit card enrolment: Visa & Mastercard only

5. IN PERSON

Centre for Continuing Education

Level 7

58 Symonds Street

Auckland

Cheque, credit card, cash or Eftpos enrolment

CANCELLATIONS

If a workshop is cancelled by the organisers, participants will be advised and the fee refunded in full. If a participant withdraws from a course before 28 April 2006 then the workshop fee will be refunded less a \$50 administration fee. If the withdrawal is made after 28 April 2006, no refund will be given but a substitute can be sent. Transfers between workshops are subject to availability and a \$25 administration fee.

→ SEMINAR LOCATIONS, DATES AND VENUES

CODE	DATE	VENUE DETAILS	PRESENTERS	FACILTATOR
16512	17 May	Rutherford Hotel, Trafalgar Square, NELSON (03) 548 2299	Stephen Christensen Andrew Henderson	Phil Gurnsey
16514	22 May	Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington, AUCKLAND. (09) 526 3000	Alan Dormer Lee Beattie	Angela Crang
16515	22 May	Baycourt Community & Arts Centre, Cnr Durham & Wharf Streets, TAURANGA. (07) 577 7189	John Maassen Todd Whittaker	Gina Sweetman
16513	22 May	Hotel Grand Chancellor, 161 Cashel Street, CHRISTCHURCH, (03) 379 2999	Stephen Christensen Andrew Henderson	Phil Gurnsey
16516	24 May	Spencer on Byron Hotel, 9 - 17 Byron Ave, Takapuna, AUCKLAND. (09) 916 6111	Alan Dormer Lee Beattie	Angela Crang
16517	25 May	Duxton Hotel, 170 Wakefield Street, WELLINGTON (04) 471 5713	Alan Dormer Todd Whittaker	Gina Sweetman
16518	25 May	Heritage Hotel, 91 Fernhill Road, QUEENSTOWN (03) 442 4988	Stephen Christensen Andrew Henderson	Phil Gurnsey
16519	26 May	Cophorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands, Tau Henare Drive, PAHIA. (09) 402 7411	Alan Dormer Lee Beattie	Angela Crang
16520	29 May	Rydges Coachman Hotel, 140 Fitzherbert Avenue, PALMERSTON NORTH, (06) 356 5065	John Maassen Todd Whittaker	Gina Sweetman
16521	30 May	Duxton Hotel, 100 Greys Avenue, AUCKLAND (09) 375 1800	Alan Dormer Lee Beattie	Angela Crang
16522	31 May	Duxton Hotel, 170 Wakefield Street, WELLINGTON (04) 471 5713	John Maassen Todd Whittaker	Gina Sweetman
16523	1 June	Rydges Le Grand Hamilton Hotel, 237 Victoria Street, HAMILTON, (07) 839 1994	Alan Dormer Lee Beattie	Angela Crang
16524	1 June	Hotel Grand Chancellor, 161 Cashel Street, CHRISTCHURCH. (03) 379 2999	Stephen Christensen Andrew Henderson	Phil Gurnsey
16525	8 June	Otago Museum Dunedin, 419 Great King Street, DUNEDIN, (03) 474 7474	Stephen Christensen Andrew Henderson	Phil Gurnsey
16526	24 July	Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, 48 Marine Parade, NAPIER, (06) 835 9001	John Maassen Todd Whittaker	Gina Sweetman
16527	4 August	Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington, AUCKLAND. (09) 526 3000	Alan Dormer Lee Beattie	Angela Crang



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