

AMAP for Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying [Ref: 0008]

Review of Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying ITO Ltd AMAP

The Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying ITO Ltd has completed the review of the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) above.

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January 2009

The next AMAP review is planned to take place during 2013.

Summary of review and consultation process

In 2005 the Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying ITO Ltd reviewed the AMAP separating the roofing sector for which a new AMAP was registered. Proposed changes to the AMAP received industry endorsement as part of the process for unit standard review in 2006 and 2007.

References to the Master Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers NZ Inc were replaced by the Plumbing Gasfitting and Drainlaying ITO Limited (the ITO) to reflect the separation of the ITO from the Master Plumbers Association on 1 July 2005.

Qualifications development to provide pathways into and beyond national certificates at Level 4, following consultation with accredited organisations, has resulted in changes to the accreditation information.

Feedback from moderators and industry has indicated that increasingly diverse provision of training and assessment would require the ITO to extend its capability to moderate assessment. Changes to moderation information and cost recovery were made to reflect this.

Compliance with new requirements

Accreditation requirements will apply with effect from July 2009.

Moderation system requirements will apply with effect from July 2009, or earlier by agreement between the ITO and the accredited organisation.

Accredited organisations will be audited for compliance with AMAP requirements from December 2009 onwards.

Main changes resulting from the review

Contact details were updated.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION (AI)

Visit waiver conditions

- Conditions were amended to provide a clearer and more extensive list of circumstances under which a visit may be waived.

Industry or sector-specific requirements for accreditation

- Criterion 1 references to the requirements for registration with the Plumbing Gasfitting and Drainlaying Registration Board were removed.
- Criterion 3 requirements were updated to specify the qualifications required for staff training and assessing in the plumbing and gasfitting, and drainlaying sectors; a requirement for policy and procedure for continuing to meet requirements of current licence in relevant trade was added; and a requirement for policy and procedure in relation to staff meeting diverse learner needs was also added.
- Criterion 4 requirement was added to ensure that literacy and English language proficiency entry requirements were met.
- Criterion 6 requirement in relation to the accredited organisation's responsibility for workplace training was expanded to include arrangements for reporting of credits.
- Criterion 7 requirement for engagement in external moderation was removed because it was covered by the Moderation Information section.

MODERATION INFORMATION (MI)

Moderation System

- Roles and responsibilities were clarified and position descriptions were removed.
- References to the Roofing Advisory Board (RAB) were removed as AMAP 0227 now covers standards in the Roofing domains.
- The National Moderation Review Panel (NMRP) has been disestablished. ITO Board members, ITP New Zealand and accredited organisation representative, the National Moderator and ITO representative were replaced by the Quality Manager and an Industry Moderation Group.
- The Annual Moderation Planning Forum was replaced by a meeting of the Quality Manager and Industry Moderation Group which will select unit standards for moderation.
- The requirement for active accredited organisations to submit an annual assessment plan from which the ITO will arrange moderation of the standards selected for moderation for the year was added.
- Clarification was provided that pre-assessment moderation by the ITO was required except where the ITO's assessment materials were used, and that where pre-assessment was required the ITO would provide the service for the fee stated.
- The requirement of three assessed samples for post-assessment moderation was added.

Funding

- Charges for moderation activities were introduced.

Non-compliance with moderation requirements

- Procedure and charges for non-compliance were added.

Appeals

- An appeals process was added.