

# SOUTH ISLAND IQP REGISTRATION PANEL

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## South Island IQP Panel August 2019 Newsletter

### Chair Persons Blog

The panel has had a very busy meeting with over 30 applicants for specified system approval received.

The standard of application on the whole is still at a better level however the questions relating to the Building Act requirements are still lacking in understanding in some instances.

Please endeavour to make complete applications as it's very onerous for our secretary Mary to collate the information with missing parts of the jigsaw puzzle.

It is appropriate to reiterate that a letter in lieu is not acceptable and will not enable a building warrant of fitness to be accepted or displayed.

A number of the South Island Council building warrant of fitness staff attend the ABC meetings and will also be making their way to their conference in Auckland as we are finding this to be a valuable place to share information.

Regards

Greig

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### Up-coming events of interest –

**FireNZ 2019 Conference 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> September – Vodafone Events Centre - Auckland**

[FIRENZ Registration](#)

**ABC Conference 2019 –form attached – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September - Ellerslie Events Centre – Auckland** <http://www.abciqp.org.nz/home>

ABC also run train-up events at various locations around the country – check their website for dates.

**Building Networks – various forums and training – nationwide -**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/o/building-networks-nz-ltd-1505392496>

### ***\*Next Panel Meeting – November – date to be confirmed\****

It was pleasing to note at the last SI IQP Panel Meeting the quality of some of the applications has lifted, **thanks to some stringent vetting from our secretary**. This resulted in a higher rate of acceptance. There were 33 applications reviewed by the Panel, and 21 of those were approved.

**However**, still too many references are not relevant to the specified systems being applied for, also the page five questions are being poorly answered. Your work history needs to be descriptive and complete – you are selling yourself to the Panel.

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Reminders for new IQP Applicants

## **Application form**

Please make sure you are applying on the **correct version** of the application form – all IQP forms are available on the Timaru District Council Website.

<https://www.timaru.govt.nz/services/building/independent-qualified-persons>

If you need a word version of the application form please email Mary -

[mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz)

The questions on page five are also proving to be a stumbling point, when answering the please refer to the Building Act 2004 sections **100-112**.

<http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0072/latest/DLM306036.html> and the Compliance schedule handbook available here <https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/building-code-and-handbooks/compliance-schedule-handbook/>

**Building (Forms) Regulations 2004 -**

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2004/0385/latest/whole.html#contents>

**References:** When completing a reference to support an application for SI IQP registration **please** ensure that it is relevant to the specified system that the person is applying for and actually provide details on what and how much you have supervised or worked together.

**Vagueness is not doing the applicant any favours and has resulted in either requests for further information or declined applications.**

**Applications to become IQP registered:** Please take care when completing applications and remember the more **relevant** information the better, therefore facts and supporting documentation is important.

**You can provide photographic evidence to support your knowledge, this will clearly demonstrate that you can identify what complies and what doesn't. This information will the reviewer plenty of confidence in an applicant, making the approval decision an easy one.**

**Applications were declined for:**

- Detail of Work Experience
- References (Quality of) and Lack of
- Not meeting the set criteria

## **Annual Renewal Letter**

This gets sent with your annual renewal invoice – **PLEASE** - fill it out and return it to Mary. Scanning and emailing it is fine, just send it in!

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## **Reminders:-**

- IQP's **MUST** work within their competency and registration.
- 12a's are not issued in the interest of the building owner, they should be issued if appropriate. I.e. The required Inspection, Maintenance and Reporting regime is complete.
- A report in lieu is NOT a right or get out of jail card. It has no legal standing and some Councils will file them as a record that the specified system is, on the day of inspection working as required, however during the year, missed inspections or a defect that has been repaired.
- A report in lieu should never be issued if the specified system remains defective – Please discuss with the Territorial Authority when a clean 12a cannot be issued.

## **Specified System Matrix – Southland District Council**

There are some un-fortunate cases of specified systems not performing as intended after issue of the Code Compliance Certificate.

Where this relates to fire safety systems this can have a drastic effect on the building and all involved.

In preventing this happening, clear documentation of the compliance path from design to commissioning is critical.

Specified systems compliance path assistance can be found in Southland District Council website under “specified system matrix” - [www.southlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz) - or at this link <http://yvesbroers.com/sdc/index.html>

None of us involved in Building Industry wish to be in the position of being involved in considering a Building “Dangerous” in event of a fire due to failure of a specified system.

Clear documentation of the compliance path of specified systems takes the guess work out of decision of compliance.

## **Useful website links**

**Association of Building Compliance** - <http://www.abcicp.org.nz/>

**Back Flow Training info –**

<https://training.opuseducation.co.nz/courses/194-backflow-prevention-2019?xdr=eyJDT09LSUUiOmsid2dzdGF0czMiOiI1YzdiYmEzZjA2MwQ4NjEwYzkyYWRkNGYifX0%3D>

**FPA NZ** - <http://www.fireprotection.org.nz/>

**FPA Newsletters and FIRENZ Magazines** - <http://www.fireprotection.org.nz/online-resources/articles-and-publications>

**Building Officials Institute of New Zealand** - <https://www.boinz.org.nz/>

**Fire Stop Centre** - <http://www.firestopcentre.co.nz>

**Building Networks** - <https://www.buildingnetworks.co.nz/>

**South Island IQP** - <https://www.timaru.govt.nz/services/building/independent-qualified-persons>

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Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Regulations 2005

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2005/0032/latest/DLM313977.html>

Southland District Council – Specified System Matrix -

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