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## **INDUSTRY TRAINING COURSES**

### **Introduction to Solid Fuel Heating**

This course is designed for everyone involved in the solid fuel heating industry. It is a must for sales people, manufacturers and retailers, as well as installers. Many Building Inspectors have also attended this course.

The course covers environmental issues, sizing, installation, operation and maintenance of solid fuel appliances.

On completion of this course, the applicant will be issued with a Restricted Certificate.

One-day courses are held throughout New Zealand and the timetable and cost can be obtained from the New Zealand Home Heating Association office.

### **Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician Certificate (SFAIT)**

Before attending this course, the applicant must first obtain the Accreditation Certificate and provide proof of Public Liability Insurance to the Association office.

The SFAIT Scheme is currently being developed into a correspondence course covering trade disciplines plus an external assessment of work standards by an appointed officer.

On completion of this course, the applicant will be classified as a Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician.

For further details contact the NZHHA office.

# **SOLID FUEL APPLIANCE INSTALLATION TECHNICIAN**

The Technician Certification Scheme has undergone a complete overhaul during the last 2 years. With the changes to the Building Code and an intense drive from the whole building industry towards up-skilling from top to bottom, we have been facing more and more pressure to follow suit.

It is no longer possible to become a NZHHA certified Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician (SFAIT) by simply joining the Association and attending an elementary training course. The installation of home heating appliances is a specialised field and extensive knowledge and practical experience is required in order to attain the necessary expertise. Territorial Authorities are becoming more demanding when issuing permits, accepting Producer Statements and with their inspections.

We do not believe a Technician can reach the skill levels required without their work being monitored and careful training. With this in mind, an “apprenticeship” type training programme has been developed, based on that used by other industries.

For new entries, it may not be possible to become a Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician (SFAIT) without being employed by a certified SFAIT, as only those persons certified will be eligible to undertake training.

Whilst this will not prevent anyone from starting up business and installing home heating appliances under the present regime, we hope, in time, to change this. The indication from Territorial Authorities around the country is that of full support for our scheme and some are even now insisting on only NZHHA members being able to install under the Producer Statement system.

## Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician Scheme (SFAIT)

Internal control and procedure for the SFAIT Scheme is carried out as under:-

- (i) Each SFAIT, or each member company which employs SFAIT, is required to provide evidence of current public liability insurance cover, name of insurer, policy details (including renewal dates) and amount of coverage.
- (ii) SFAIT or employers of SFAIT shall be notified by mail within one month of expiry date of their public liability insurance. The notification shall be mailed out to the last known address of the SFAIT or employer
- (iii) The Association shall remove from the list of SFAIT's, all those who have failed to provide evidence of public liability insurance after three months following expiry date as recorded on our database.
- (iv) Each SFAIT employed by a member company shall notify the Association when they leave that employment. The changes shall be recorded on the association database, granting continued SFAIT status if eligible to remain on the list.
- (v) Any SFAIT member who resigns from the Association, or whose membership is cancelled, shall be removed from the list of SFAIT's and each territorial authority in NZ shall be updated with changes (additions/deletions) each month.
- (vi) Any employer of SFAITs who resigns from the Association, or whose membership is cancelled, shall have the names of the SFAIT's employed removed from the list. Each territorial authority in NZ shall be updated with changes (additions/deletions) monthly.
- (vii) The Secretary shall maintain a policy and procedure guide to provide direction on all aspects of the SFAIT Scheme.
- (viii) All SFAITs **must** own the current industry Standard (currently AS/NZS 2918:2001).
- (ix) The annual registration fee for all SFAITs is \$45 due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in each year. The annual fee will be subject to review each year.