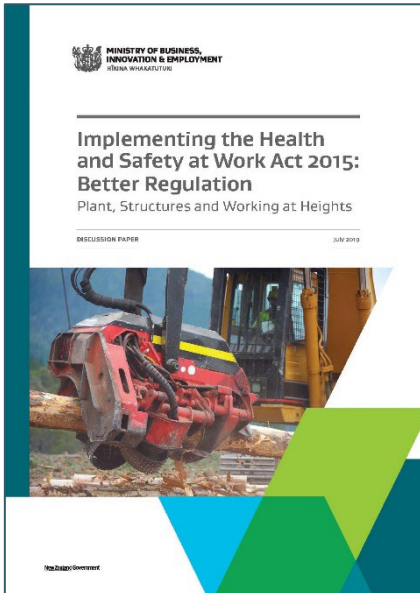


## Update On High Risk Plant Regulations



The Government is making slow progress on finalising the changes to the regulations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015: Better Regulation - Plant, Structures and Working at Heights.

The NZ Concrete Contractors Association (NZCCA) continues to monitor progress on the upcoming regulations which will see boom pumps being classified as High Risk Plant, requiring stringent record keeping and maintenance programmes. It may not just be boom pumps affected either, as the draft regulations also make recommendations on plant, mobile plant and digger/excavation machinery which will impact not only concrete pumpers, but almost all other concrete workers.

The last communication we had from MBIE was in December of last year when we were advised that the draft document should be released for review early this year, although with the changes in Government this will almost certainly be delayed again. Once available we will circulate the document to all members and also to our wider database to ensure everyone has the opportunity to comment.

## Training Qualification For Concrete Pumping

Working group has met to discuss the establishment of a qualification in concrete pumping.

The Group, including members from NZCCA, Waihanga Ara Rau Construction & Infrastructure Workforce Development Council, and Te Pūkenga Work Based Learning Ltd (Formerly BCITO) met online recently to discuss the fundamental requirements to establish a formal credential for concrete pumping. This was a preliminary, introductory meeting to discuss:

- a) the industry's need and potential demand for a qualification;
- b) the current stakeholders and possible other stakeholders;
- c) the size of the industry and the workforce profile, and;
- d) the risk to the industry if a qualification is not available, especially with the pending regulations looming.

We all have some homework to do and we'll be meeting again in 6-8 weeks.

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