

Dear Climbing Wall Operators

A couple of months ago I wrote to you regarding the new NZOIA / Skills Active climbing qualifications as a follow on to the communication you had received from the Department of Labour following the prosecutions of Fergs wall in Wellington. In that letter I undertook to convene meetings to discuss these matters further and thus this invitation.

Meetings are to be held in both Wellington and Christchurch as detailed below.

**Wellington 11 August 1 to 3pm venue to be advised**

**Christchurch 12 August 1 to 3 pm venue YMCA 12 Hereford Street**

### **Agenda**

**NZOIA and Skills Active** will have representatives present to discuss:

- Qualifications development brought about by the NZOIA and Skills Active partnership agreement.
- Structural changes in how the new Leader level qualifications are built, and how this will influence the redesign of existing qualifications such as Rock 1.
- The new joint Climbing Leader qualification, and how it fits into the three tier hierarchy of qualifications now being applied to all activities.
- Changes in assessment methodology such as internal workplace assessment and new pathways for instructors at NZOIA Level 1 and above to become assessors.

**Department of Labour** will have representatives present to discuss:

- DoL policies as they relate to climbing walls
- What the DoL expects of climbing walls
- What as a climbing wall you can expect of the DoL

The Department of Labour will be unlikely to discuss the details of specific cases as each is different, however they will endeavour to answer your questions.

These meetings are open to anyone associated with your climbing facility and will be of interest to both management and operational staff. Minimum levels of attendance are needed to make the meetings worthwhile so please **RSVP to [ce@nzoia.org.nz](mailto:ce@nzoia.org.nz) by Monday 21 June**. We can then confirm that the meeting is going ahead and provide everybody with sufficient time to book low cost flights.

I look forward to meeting you soon.



Matthew Cant  
Chief Executive  
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