

# SOUTH ISLAND IQP REGISTRATION PANEL

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## South Island IQP Panel December Newsletter

### Chairpersons Blog

Greetings to you all

Well, a year of changes and I believe improvements to the way in which the panel both reviews IQP applications on the online platform with applications that raise discussion or questions assessed at the Panel meetings.

As of time of putting this report together we have reviewed 79 applications with another lot due before end of year and this provides an excellent turnaround time for the applicants.

One of the other significant benefits is that we now have the time to look at other matters such as the complaints procedure and constitution which I am very pleased that some of our members have put so much work and effort into it is really appreciated.

There have been some good ideas around record of learning with renewals which we are exploring, and legislative changes are going through the parliamentary process now following the Loafers Fire report and recommendations.

The online meetings have been a success and have seen most Councils and MBIE participate when unable to travel which was the whole aim, unfortunately those that never contributed before haven't taken this up new platform so it's business as usual.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all attendees who make this panel rather awesome in my opinion with particular mention of our tireless Secretary Mary Gazzard whom holds the whole thing together and makes all of our jobs easier.

All the best for the upcoming Christmas Break – Look after yourselves, relax, unwind as the job will still be there next year

Kind Regards



Greig Wilson  
Chairperson SIIQP



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## From the IQP Panel

### **We have a new Chairperson!**

Ryan Cooper from Christchurch City Council is now the Chair of the South Island IQP Panel. Thank you to Greig Wilson for his time and contribution as chair – he is still on the Panel as the Waimakariri representative.

### **The Panel are establishing a Code of Conduct for IQP's along similar lines of the Licensed Building Practitioners.**

**This has been discussed at the ABC Conference – Please feel free to contact Brian Wilson or Ryan Cooper from Christchurch City Council if you have any feedback regarding this process.**

An IQP code would be part of a toolbox for IQP's.

The code would potentially cover: -

- Work safety
- Acting within the law
- Taking responsibility for actions
- Behaving professionally
- Inform and educate clients.
- Conflicts of interest
- Skills maintenance – some form of continued professional development verified at renewal time.

### **Submitting evidence of Skills Maintenance – The requirement for Continued Professional Development is coming!**

The requirements for this are still in the development stage, however the evidence of skills maintenance will be required on a **three-year cycle**.

Once every three years some evidence of training will be required to be submitted with your renewal.

Guidance will be drafted as to what forms of learning will be acceptable and it must be relevant to the systems held.

This requirement will come into play later in 2025 so watch this space. If you have any suggestions on what continued professional development could be applicable for each specified system, please feel free to contact Mary - [mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz)

*NB: Your IQP renewal will still be annual.*

### **The Complaint Procedure**

This has been revised and is in the process of being finalised to be available for early 2025.

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## **Reminders for IQP's**

The Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Act has come into effect as at **26 November 2024** – with a new section 108A inserted - <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2024/0049/latest/LMS982093.html>

## **Submit your 12a's to the BWOF agent**

We are receiving several queries from the likes of Argest (as the BWOF agent) about struggling to get the documentation off other IQPs for the systems above. Once you have completed your inspection, please send your paperwork on to the relevant people quickly (not 3 or 4 months later).

## **Section 110 Building Act 2004 - Annual Reports**

With more Council's carrying BWOF audits it is becoming apparent that these reports are not being completed as required.

While Section 110 states it is the responsibility of the owner to obtain the annual report, most will need education and support on this.

Many owners are already keeping the appropriate records but are not collating into an annual report.

This was also an issue that was raised at the 2023 ABC conference in an audience Q & A session.

## **Possible solutions**

- Make an annual report template as a part of an IQP/BWOF toolkit.
- S-Rad form could be used as a base document for an annual report.
- Make the annual report a part of the BWOF renewal process, and have it submitted with the BWOF annually.
- Continued education of owners and IQP's.
- Develop an annual report template.
- Write compliance schedules that clearly identify the requirement for an annual report and differentiate between an annual report and a form 12a.
- MBIE guidance on this topic would be useful.

## **In the meantime – please work with your building owners with producing these reports.**

NB: For IQP's the annual report is a good tool to report to the owner for ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and replacement of systems. Also reports on what you have done, and what needs to be done. Used well, the annual report could be a godsend if something went wrong.

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## Some reminders and important information

### **110** Owner must obtain reports on compliance schedule

An owner of a building for which a compliance schedule has been issued must—

- (a) obtain annual written reports relating to the inspection, maintenance, and reporting procedures of the compliance schedule signed by each independently qualified person or other person who carried out 1 or more of those procedures; and
- (b) keep those reports, together with the compliance schedule, for a period of 2 years; and
- (c) produce those reports for inspection, when required, by—
  - (i) the territorial authority; and
  - (ii) any person or organisation who or that has the right to inspect the building under any Act; and
- (d) show the location of those reports and the compliance schedule on the building warrant of fitness displayed in accordance with [section 108\(4\)](#).

Compare: 1991 No 150 s 45(3)

Section [110\(a\)](#): amended, on 13 March 2012, by [section 49](#) of the Building Amendment Act 2012 (2012 No 23).

Section [110\(a\)](#): amended, on 15 March 2008, by [section 25](#) of the Building Amendment Act 2008 (2008 No 4).

**Note: Inspection and maintenance reports can make up part of the annual written reports. Log books and test certificates are part of the record keeping.**

**Not all inspections need to be carried out and recorded by an independent qualified person. For example, the daily and monthly inspections of final exits on escape routes can be undertaken by the owner/tenant/contractor/agent – but the annual inspection must be by an independent qualified person.**

**There is no regulated form for the annual report however, the Building Act states the owner shall obtain annual reports.**

### **Attention: SS2 IQP's –**

SS2 has been split into 3 subsections from simple 4512 systems to more complex ones and then the third subsection for all other non 4512 systems.

For existing SS2 IQP's, I have started with the February renewals sending out the SS2 declaration. Please take some time and make sure to complete this information and send it back with your annual renewal form.

SS2.1*	Automatic or manual emergency warning systems for fire or other dangers Subsection 1 – Simple fire alarm systems
SS2.2**	Automatic or manual emergency warning systems for fire or other dangers Subsection 2 – Complex Fire Alarm systems
SS2.3***	SS2/3: Automatic or manual emergency warning systems for fire and other dangers Subsection 3 – Warning systems for dangers other than fire

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## General administration/Reminders

### Changes to the frequency of getting applications assessed and approved.

The South Island IQP Panel is going to be assessing applications on a more regular basis. 😊  
This means, an application doesn't have to wait for a Panel Meeting, so send those application in!

This will provide a more efficient service for IQP applicants.

Please note the application form has been updated.

Any new applications will need to be made on this form.

[https://www.timaru.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/19524/Application-form-Acceptance-as-a-South-Island-Independent-Qualified-Person-4.pdf](https://www.timaru.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/19524/Application-form-Acceptance-as-a-South-Island-Independent-Qualified-Person-4.pdf)

### Overdue accounts

Those of you that have accounts which are 90 days or older – **you will be removed from the register.**

Fortunately, there are a very few of you.

***You will know who you are as the TDC accounts team will have been chasing you, so please don't email me to ask if you are one for the sake of it.***

*When paying accounts – please quote the **Particulars, Code** and **Reference**, that are written on your invoice.*

### Please Help me to Help You 😊

#### ***Annual Renewal Letter***

**This is sent with your annual renewal invoice – PLEASE - fill it out and return it to me.**

**Scanning and emailing it is fine. Your renewal will not be processed without it!**

**No renewal form = no certificate**

***When you leave a job, change employer, change postal address or are planning to retire, please notify me. I am wasting a lot of time trying to track people, deal with bouncing e-mails, and crediting invoices 😞***

### B-RaD & S-RaD's

<https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-your-bwof/inspection-and-maintenance-of-specified-systems>

Reminder – these are for missed inspections – NOT for systems that need repairs.

**None** of us involved in the 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.

### ***Some Words of Wisdom***

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

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## Reminders for those applying for additional systems and first-time 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>

**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 give the reviewer plenty of confidence in an applicant, making the approval decision an easy one.**



Applications were declined for:

- **Detail of Work Experience**

Your work history needs to be **descriptive** and **complete** – remember you are selling your skills and experience to the Panel.

- **References (Quality of) and Lack of.**

Supply references that are **relevant** to the specified systems being supplied for.

*A note for those signing references – see note further on*

- **Not meeting the set criteria**
- **The page five questions are being poorly answered.**

– refer to the **relevant links** and **legislation** – these are listed on the application form and for quick reference -

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>

**NB.** Please ensure that you are applying on the **correct version** of the form -

[https://www.timaru.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/19524/Application-form-Acceptance-as-a-South-Island-Independent-Qualified-Person.pdf](https://www.timaru.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/19524/Application-form-Acceptance-as-a-South-Island-Independent-Qualified-Person.pdf)

If you need a word version of the application form, please email Mary - [mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz)

Please send applications in by email - E-mail attachments are limited to **15MB**, please use the large file transfer system and follow the **DROP-OFF** instructions at this link: -

<https://files.timaru.govt.nz/>

You are dropping the file(s) off to [mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:mary.gazzard@timdc.govt.nz)

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## ***You have been asked to write a reference.***

- **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. Provide actual detail 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.
- What has the applicant been doing?  
Working under supervision.  
Alarm Technician  
Along with the company
- **Reference Template** is included with the application form.

Should your accounts team require a **PURCHASE ORDER** number for your invoices – **PLEASE** advise me of this, so I can have this sorted **PRIOR** to an invoice being sent out.

When paying accounts – please quote the **Particulars, Code** and **Reference**, that are written on your invoice.

## **Recent court case and conviction - Forged BWOFF documentation -**

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/508002/forged-fire-safety-certificates-exposed-in-christchurch>

***This court case highlights the need for IQP's to keep me informed of changes to employment details and contact information.***

**I cannot keep your records current and information up to date if I am not kept informed.**

Kind Regards

**Mary**



**Mary Gazzard** | Compliance Officer Building  
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**South Island IQP -** <https://www.timaru.govt.nz/services/building/independent-qualified-person>

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## Training opportunities and up-coming events

Please check the links below for up-coming training opportunities, some good events are coming up:

<https://www.fpanz.org/events/calendar>

ABC IQP has various events available – both in person and online: -

<https://abciqp.org.nz/whats-on/member-forums/>

<https://abciqp.org.nz/whats-on/webinarsseminars/>

<https://www.abciqp.org.nz/whats-on/workshops-seminars>

<https://www.abciqp.org.nz/training/training-catalogue>

BOINZ also has various training opportunities available.

<https://www.boinz.org.nz/tools/events/list?SECT=education>

**Building Networks** run several online and face-to face courses -

<https://www.buildingnetworks.co.nz/>

**For Facility Managers** - <https://www.fmanz.org/learning-and-events/>



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## Useful website links -

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

Back Flow Training info –  
WSP

<https://nzetc.wsp.com/w/courses/>

Trade Lab Backflow Refresher Course

<https://courses.tradelab.co/p/refresher-course-iqp-backflow>

Fire Protection Association of NZ - <http://www.fireprotection.org/>

Fire Protection Association Newsletters and FIRENZ Magazines -

<https://www.fpanz.org/docs/newsletters>

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/>

Building Act 2004 sections **100-112**.

<http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0072/latest/DLM306036.html> and the

Compliance schedule handbook <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>

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

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

NZ standards - <https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards/>

**A useful site for Fire Designers and IQP's**

Link to Dunedin City Council's Compliance Schedule and BWOFF page: -

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/building-services/compliance-schedule-and-specified-system-information>

Institution of Fire Engineers – NZ Branch <https://ife.org.nz/>

