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CHANGES IN THE TRAINING LANDSCAPE FOR PEST CONTROL

At the recent pest control industry meeting on the training needs within our industry the pending changes to the training landscape were discussed and outlined by representatives from Agriseta. Important new developments are that training now falls within the scope of the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO).

The focus of the new occupational training will be as follows:

1. All training will be driven by labour market needs.
2. Clear scope of coverage in terms of a career path.
3. Expert driven (Industry experts in the various fields).
4. Occupational curriculum for training service providers. (To standardise training).
5. Separation between knowledge, skills and workplace experience.
6. National standard for external integrated assessments.

Three key elements/products that must be delivered within the new framework are:

1. Qualification – must focus on occupation i.e. pest control operator
2. Occupational curriculum – must be determined by industry.
3. National external assessment – Assessments must be conducted according to a national standard by one assessment body accepted by industry.

At the industry meeting it was decided to appoint Agriseta as the Development Quality Partner to drive and fund the development process to get the new qualifications and assessment bodies registered. An interim working group was also elected to establish an Assessment Quality Partner who will do national assessments in future. Currently members of this working group consist of training service providers, Department of Agriculture and industry representatives.

For this working group to operate effectively we need volunteers from the industry who are experts in their respective fields to assist in setting up the curriculum for training. If you feel that you can make a contribution then please volunteer your services.

The interim working group will establish a contact point from where information will be gathered and distributed and the industry will be notified as soon as all structures including a steering committee has been put in place.

