

30 March 2015

All Level 2/3 STMS

Dear STMS

CHANGE TO THE CONDITIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE (ROPE)

NZTA has met the costs associated with ROPE process renewals for over 10 years. Owing to the way STMS are now listed on the Traffic Management Plan, and to the new systems used by some Road Controlling Authorities, the process of verification has become increasingly involved and time consuming. NZTA's costs have risen from \$100 to \$200 per ROPE. NZTA regrets the need to recover this charge, but it notes that this is still a much cheaper option than a practical assessment.

NZTA audits have indicated a number of dangerous practices amongst Level 2 and 3 STMS. To assist with the identification and removal of these, all Level 2 and 3 STMS will have to undergo a practical assessment at least every six years. This means one ROPE renewal will have to be followed in 3 years by a practical assessment renewal.

It is confirmed that the following changes to the ROPE management process are to be implemented from 1 April 2015:

- For all applications received after 1 April 2015, the charge will be met by the applicant. The cost is \$240 plus gst.
- The above cost does include the charge for the warrant card, if the ROPE is unsuccessful the \$40+gst will be refunded.
- The charge will be made directly by the ROPE investigating agent appointed by NZTA, this is currently John Boyson. He in turn will remit the cost of the card to NZTA.
- ROPE applications must be accompanied with completed daily site records for each of the claimed operations and will form part of the material being reviewed.
- ROPE renewals will only be permitted for one renewal cycle i.e. an STMS must undergo a practical assessment every six years.
- A revised ROPE application form has been prepared and attached. It is also available from all NZTA Level 2/3 Trainers.

Should you have any questions, please contact Stuart Fraser on email: stuart.fraser@nzta.govt.nz.

Regards



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