

"SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE"

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1. The NZ Polytechnic system comprises of 22 Polytechnics from Cape Reinga to Bluff, well almost! The most northerly one being at Whangarei and the most southerly at Invercargill. There are six in the South Island and sixteen in the North Island.
  2. All the Polytechnics provide some form of Management/Accountancy training and there are a number of courses which run nationally and therefore available at most, if not all, Polytechnics.
  3. In addition to the courses mentioned above most Polytechnics are in the business of running seminars for industry in the areas of Management, supervision, marketing and accounting. Some of these seminars are in response to demands by industry and others are run on the initiative of the particular Polytechnic.
  4. The ability of any particular Polytechnic to run a specific seminar will depend on three main factors:
    - a) available expertise, either within the staff or in the immediate vicinity of the Polytechnic.
    - b) availability of other resources such as time, space and materials.
    - c) how the particular Polytechnic Management views seminars in terms of its overall priorities.
  5. In Rotorua we are lucky because in most cases all three factors mentioned above can be satisfied and as some members of this conference are already aware, the Waiariki Polytechnic has a fairly long history of running seminars and courses for the Forest Industry.

In fact one of the first ones was with bush contractors using computer based simulation model of a logging operation back in 1982!
  6. In summary I think it is up to the particular industry, in this case this logging industry, in a particular area to approach their nearest Polytechnic with their training needs and sit down with the appropriate people to talk about the possibilities.
- As a parting shot let me say that the Polytechnics will cost you a lot less for your training than private training providers - Prebble and Douglas haven't got to us yet!

