



Newsletter September 2021

Covid Lockdown 2021 and Financial Support

Found things tough financially with lockdown? The New Zealand Government has financial support for people self-employed in business and not-for-profit community providers. Click on the link "What financial support can I get?" 53% of NZIDE membership are sole traders. The others belong to one of 20 small driver education businesses, partnerships, trusts, charities, community groups or a nationwide network of independent licensees. NZIDE can't give you personal financial advice. We can say check what is available. Many of our membership have accessed the Wage Subsidy Scheme and the Covid Resurgence Support Payment. Big thanks to Wayne Young (outgoing NZIDE President) and others who did professional development webinars during the nationwide level 4 lockdown. NZIDE members can download the WorkSafe health and safety kit in our [resource section](#). Use your Glue Up username (email) and password to access it. [Read More](#)

What financial support can I get?

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Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Lockdown Guidance



For driver training and assessment/testing during Covid lockdown Waka Kotahi say Ministry of Health guidelines and requirements must be followed. Jim Ferneaux advised that in cases where other statutory bodies such as the Ministry of Education or the Tertiary Education Commission have set additional requirements, they must also be followed. These additional requirements might affect approved driver licensing courses, course providers, assessors and testers. For example, if the Tertiary Education Commission restricts a class size that limits the number of people attending an approved course, and that class size reduction will affect the completion of the course for some course participants, then the course provider needs to contact Waka Kotahi ASAP to find a solution. If you are a licensee to a course provider, contact that course provider. For example, Street Talk providers contact [Wayne Young](#) or [Harald Leeuwenburgh](#). AA Defensive Driving Course providers contact ddtutors@aa.co.nz.

MITO Driving Unit Standards Five Year Automatic Review

MITO announced this review 31 August 2021. We pushed a notice to NZIDE members and subscribers in September with a summary of feedback. 17 units were identified for change. Responsibility for that change passes from MITO to [Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council](#). Hanga-Aro-Rau is required to consult with an [industry stakeholder group](#). Nick Leggett, council member on Hanga-Aro-Rau, a director at MITO and Chief Executive at [la Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand](#) (Road Transport Forum) advised the stakeholder group is yet to be formed. Nick thanked NZIDE for our approach to join this stakeholder group. Hanga-Aro-Rau might also refer to a [Centre of Vocational Excellence](#) if one is established for road transport driver education. The next mandatory five year review of unit standards will trigger in September 2026.



Consultation on the Review of the Graduated Driver Licence System

Full licence



Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency [consulted](#) on the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule (No2) 2021. We pushed notification of this to members. The proposed Rule will revoke the five-year time-limit for the Class 1 and 6 learner and restricted licences, and revert them back to a standard 10-year validity (the same as the full licence) when a licence-holder renews their learner or restricted licence. It will also remove the 90-day time restriction on renewal, allowing these licence holders to renew their licence any time before expiry, and will remove the requirement for the licence holder to re-sit and pass a theory test to renew their licence. Thank you to those who responded. There was split opinion on this. If you would like a copy of the NZIDE submission, let us know.

Membership Renewals – New Platform and Renewal Grace Period

For members. Membership subscriptions for NZIDE were due 01 September. A renewal invoice and reminders were sent from Glue Up starting in July. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. If you have not received an email, check your spam or junk email folders. For members we don't seem to have received payment from, an email with invoice was sent direct from NZIDEmembership@gmail.com this week. We know some of you want to renew but have little income due to Covid lockdown. The grace period to renew has been extended to 31 October 2021.

Carolyn Ax (Vice-President, Membership Manager) and Juliet Dalley (Treasurer) completed several days work

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to get Glue Up working for conference and annual renewals. Debit and credit card payments are now accepted. 61 members chose to pay their membership this way. For the first time, members can login and update their membership information. 46 people did this within the first 10 days of renewal notification. To check your profile, login to Glue Up at nzide.nz or nzide.org.nz

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Inland Revenue Department offline over labour weekend



Those who use Inland Revenue MyIR online services, they will be offline over the Labour Weekend public holiday 2021 and into the following week.. Check this [link](#) for details.

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Driving Change Network

NZIDE is a member of the [Driving Change Network](#). The network has over 200 stakeholders. It's work is about equitable driver education and licencing in New Zealand. Wendy Robertson spoke at our [conference in 2021](#). Several NZIDE members serve on committees of the Driving Change Network. Make contact with the Driving Change Network if you want to get involved.



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Research – Driver Education Best Practice Research



Figure 3 Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety at Queensland University of Technology



Figure 4 Dr Teresa Senserrick, Professor CARRS-Q

For those keen on driver education research, Dr Teresa Senserrick is Professor at the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety at Queensland University of Technology. We made recent contact for a summary of current research with driver education and graduated licencing systems. This research summary informed an NZIDE submission and will shape continuing professional development through NZIDE. We have permission to share a summary of this research privately. The research is restricted from public posting.

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