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Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 14 January 2021, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information about the consent Summit Systems Limited held to deliver Occupational Health and Safety qualifications and unit standards:

- *whether Summit Systems Limited held accreditation to deliver for the following unit standards:*
 - *Unit Standards 17599 and 18426, between August 2010 and May 2017 (Certificates for Planning a Confined Space Entry).*
 - *Unit Standard 20198, between July 2008 and February 2016 (Certificates for Approved Health and Safety Representatives).*
- *and approval and accreditation for a programme leading to the award of the qualification:*
 - *National Certificates in Occupational Health and Safety, Level 3, issued in March 2015.*

Unit Standards 17599 and 18426

Summit Systems Limited had consent to assess for the domain *Occupational Health and Safety Practice* until 11 December 2015. Unit Standards 17599 and 18426 (now expired) were under this domain, meaning Summit Systems Limited had consent to assess the unit standards until 11 December 2015.

Summit Systems may have issued the *Certificates for Planning a Confined Space Entry* themselves. Tertiary education organisations (TEOs) are permitted to issue their own certificates but must report students' credits to NZQA within 3 months of assessment.

Unit Standard 20198

Summit Systems Limited had consent for the domain *Occupational Health and Safety Practice* until 11 December 2015. Unit Standard 20198 (now expired) was under this domain, meaning Summit Systems Limited had consent to assess this unit standard until 11 December 2015.

Summit Systems may have issued the *Certificates for Approved Health and Safety Representatives* themselves. TEOs are permitted to issue their own certificates but must report students' credits to NZQA within 3 months of assessment.

National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety), Level 3

In 2015, Summit Systems Limited reported credits to NZQA for standards that led to the National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety), Level 3.

In 2015, programme approval was not required to deliver National Certificates. Rather, TEOs reported student credits for the standards (for which the TEO had consent to assess) that made up the National Certificate. Once a student had all the required unit standards, the TEO could award the National Certificate which was issued by NZQA.

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If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED]

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Nāku nā



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