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Dear Members

Cadastral Law Examination 2023 – Candidate Information Update

Survey and Spatial New Zealand (S+SNZ) in conjunction with the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board (CSLB) and the examiners writing the Cadastral Law Exam have reviewed the current content and format of the Cadastral Law Exam.

With the upcoming changes to licensing as outlined in CSLB’s Competency Assessment Framework Review – Update for Graduates memo dated 5th March 2023, and feedback from previous candidates, it was decided to refresh the Cadastral Law Examination to be more aligned with the Competencies as detailed in Schedule 1 of the [CSLB Standards](#), and in keeping with more modern assessment methods.

This year’s examination will focus less upon rote learning recitation and instead look at the practical applications of that law in the everyday processes, systems and documents we come across in the surveying profession. Where recitation is requested, it will be closely aligned to surveying practice and those processes. The CSLB supports this approach.

The exam will be held on the 14th June 2023, and applicants must register by the 19th May 2023. Further details can be found on the S+SNZ website [here](#).

To assist candidates an initial guide for study is found below. There will be two mandatory questions as follows:

- Cadastral Survey Act 2002 & Cadastral Survey Rules 2021
- Resource Management Act 1991

Candidates will then elect to choose further questions which may include:

- Unit Titles Act 2010
- Land Transfer Act 2017
- Land Transfer Regulations 2018
- Property Law Act 2007
- Public Works Act 1981
- Local Government Act 1974
- Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993
- Takutai Moana Act 2011

All acts and rules can be found at www.legislation.govt.nz.

Candidates should also be familiar with [LINZS70000 - Standard for Lodgement of Cadastral Survey Datasets](#).

In addition, candidates should be very familiar with:

- Records of title and instruments of Crown Title
- Resource Consents (as they pertain to subdivision)
- Landonline capture and processes and survey plans

The study material above has been listed as narrowly as possible, but candidates should focus their efforts on the issues surrounding the definition and subdivision of land and the steps required to achieve a Cadastral Survey dataset. For example, while the definitions (s2) of the RMA contain the definition for "agent or agent of the ship", this has little to do with the surveying profession and will not be tested. By contrast, candidates are expected to know the Cadastral Survey Act 2002 and the Cadastral Survey Rules 2021 in their entirety.

Further advice to candidates will be forthcoming and we will look to narrow down the scope of study to help focus candidates study regime. We recommend candidates focus on the two mandatory questions for now along with LINZS70000.

Yours sincerely



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