



REVIEW OF SUPPLY TECHNICIAN TRADE KICKS OFF

The Army is looking at how its Supply Technician trade can be improved.

Supply Technicians play a critical role in achieving the land combat effect. They ensure the force is equipped and supported to prosecute land combat operations, hence the Supply Technician Trade Review's motto 'Victory Flows Through Us'. The project has been tasked to look at factors affecting the trade across the organisation – the good, the bad, and the mediocre – and provide options for how the trade can be improved.

The project is looking at two key work streams – the first being a review of the trade itself (recruitment, retention, trade model structure, leadership, training, and force disposition in the garrison environment). The second will analyse the land Supply Chain and how it impacts on Supply Technicians, focussing on support processes, inventory management processes and compliance processes.

The Supply Technician Senior Trade Advisor, Lieutenant Colonel Tony Downey, says the project represents an excellent opportunity for Supply Technicians to directly contribute to the development of their trade. "We want to ensure the Supply Technician trade and its operators are adaptive, responsive, resilient and ready to continue contributing directly to the prosecution of land combat operations as part of the NZ Army's combat service support function.

This sentiment was reiterated by the start-up Project Officer, Major Roz Michie, "The project wants to hear from Supply Technicians on the ground, the ones who are facing the challenges and triumphs of the trade every day. Even more, the project wants to know what our soldiers think could be done to improve this vital combat service support trade."

To make that happen the project is working hard to ensure Supply Technicians across the Army know about the project and have the opportunity to share their thoughts and suggestions. The first step was the release of the Supply Technician Trade Review Bulletin, followed by a successful roadshow around all Army camps in mid-March. The next step will be the release of an on-line questionnaire followed by focus-groups conducted in camps around the country. Keep an eye out for further details.

RNZALR Supply Technicians and Supply Officers received the first Supply Technician Trade Review Bulletin at the end of February (If you didn't get it please contact SGT Renee Rangiahua and get your name added to the @Army.SupTech All address).

Ahead of the focus groups the Project would like to hear the thoughts of Supply Technicians on:

- The good parts of being a SUP TECH in the NZ Army.
- The not so good parts of being a SUP TECH in the NZ Army.
- How the SUP TECH trade could be improved – especially:
 - What the SUP TECH trade should STOP doing.
 - What the SUP TECH trade should START doing.
 - What the SUP TECH trade should KEEP doing (what do we do well?).

If you would like more info please contact the Project on – @NZDF.MESSINES.SUPTECH TRADE REVIEW (NZDF.MESSINES.SUPTECHTRADEREVIEW@nzdf.mil.nz).

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Plus access to support from key senior Supply Technicians working in LC(L), DACM, TTS, as well as Formation and Unit HQs.

