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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the June InTENZ newsletter

A lot has happened in the past month with many requests for consultation on various aspects of Government policy. The UFS has consumed a lot of our time and is ongoing. On the 29th June, Minister Hipkins agreed to meet with Wayne, myself and Andrea Ross to discuss the unintended consequences of the UFS. We provided the Minister with three scenarios of affected PTEs and the negative outcomes for learners, employers and providers. He listened to our concerns and promised us feedback once he had discussed with his officials. We also discussed the Strategic Component. In the interim keep talking to your TEC Investment Adviser.

We are also in the process of setting up a meeting with Government officials from all agencies to discuss the cost of compliance to our sector. Our aim is to reduce duplication and costs. Watch this space!

We have met with Penny Simmonds of the National Party and with David Seymour and Chris Baillie of the ACT Party .

Meetings have also continued with QTI and the Peak Bodies Alliance to ensure we have a combined voice as a sector.

On the 9th June the Board had a meeting followed by a networking session with

some members. Although numbers attending were quite low, those that came engaged in some interesting debate about our sector. The next Board meeting will be in Wellington and members based in that region are encouraged to attend the networking lunch following the meeting. It's also time to start thinking about whether you would like to join the Board and be part of a voice for our sector.

Craig Musson
Chair

ITENZ Awards: 2022 nominations are open.

[Nominations are now open for the 2022 ITENZ Awards](#)

Award nominations are an excellent way to showcase and build the strengths in your organisation. Previous participants highlight the value to themselves and/or their organisation of going through the process, regardless of the outcome.

You can watch a webinar from 11th May on the awards on the ITENZ website (Members' Area)

ITENZ Conference 2022: Confirmed speakers

We have a great line up of speakers so far for this year's conference, with more to come.

Those confirmed to date include:

- The Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education
 - Dr Paul Wood, Motivational speaker
 - Grant Klinkum, C.E, NZQA
 - Tim Fowler, C.E, TEC
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- Gillian Dudgeon, D.C.E, TEC
- Katrina Sutich, Acting Group Manager, MoE
- Philip Aldridge and Donovan Clark, C.E, Waihanga Ara Rau and C.E, Toitu Te Wairoa WDCs
- Ola Loane, GM Community and Membership, Diversity Works

We will continue to update the speakers and the programme. Keep an eye on it [here](#).

Register for the conference [here](#).

Funding 2023

Thank you to those who shared information about funding for 2023. We have discussed issues with TEC and with Minister Hipkins, especially the issue of providers having to compete for strategic funding when that may be necessary to keep overall funding per EFTS at the same level as 2022, and the issue of what is or isn't "niche" or "priority." We are continuing these discussions.

ITENZ is involved in a couple of formal funding-related working parties, including the TEC-run Technical Working Group, which is looking at the technical aspects of UFS funding, and the MoE-run Disability Collaborative Group, which is helping formulate advice for next year's budget. Together with QTI, we are also part of the TEC-run Contestable Funding Process Group.

Communities of Practice

Academic Managers Community of Practice

The Academic Managers group met on 22nd June and were joined by three WDC Qualifications General Managers - Jenni Pethig from Toi Mai, Catriona Petrie from Waihanga Ara Rau, and Heather Kingsley-Thomas from Toitū Te Wairoa to discuss the role of WDCs and the relationship with PTEs. Together they are formulating

some FAQs, which we hope to be able to upload to the website in the next few days

Māori Engagement Community of Practice

The Māori Engagement group hosted a panel discussion titled *PTE-Māori relationship building. Know-how and know-who insights*. Guest panelists were Karl Wixon, Kaitohu Matua Māori, Education NZ, and Jono Clark, Director, EcoQuest. The event was hosted by Pieter Watson and Billie McNamee from the Māori Engagement Community of Practice. As usual, Karl and Jono had many instructive and enlightening insights.

If you missed the webinar, you can find it in the Members' Area of the website.

Youth Guarantee Providers

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 July via Microsoft Teams

WDCs

We are continuing our engagement with WDCs and in June met with the CEs and Qualifications and Engagement Managers at Waihangā Ara Rau, Toi Te Wairoa and Muka Tangata. We have built good relationships with these and other WDCs and they are very interested in understanding our sector and the providers who work within the industries they cover, and ways in which they can support what we do.

If you haven't already made contact with your WDC, I would recommend that you do. There are some good discussions to be had about what you do, how you work with industry and how you and your WDC can work together.

WDC staff are generally headquartered in Wellington or Auckland but there are many located in regional areas. There may be staff near you.

We are working closely with WDCs and NZQA to ensure the programme endorsement process works as efficiently as possible for our members, and NZQA and the WDCs are also working together on the process. We expect to have a

webinar for members on this in August.

Āko Aotearoa's Te Rūnunga Māori, and Māori resources

Rūnunga Maori

Ako Aotearoa invited ITENZ to have a representative on their Te Rūnunga Māori. Shelley Moana Hiha (Wellpark College) has been invited to join the rūnunga and will do a great job representing ITENZ and Māori interests within the membership.

The Rūnunga works alongside the Board of Ako Aotearoa in a co-governance type arrangement.

Māori resources

Ako Aotearoa team has created a new storehouse of knowledge for their Māori Resources, [Te Pātaka Mātauranga Māori](#).

They wanted to create a welcoming new Pātaka or storehouse to make it easy to find resources and information that relate to Mātauranga Māori, Kaupapa Māori and Māori learners. You are invited to explore [Te Pātaka Mātauranga Māori](#) and share what you discover there with your colleagues.

Webinars and events

Meet the Board - Wellington networking event.

11th August, 12.30 -2.00

Le Cordon Bleu

(Invitations to follow shortly)

Webinars

ENZ Intellilab Tutorial

A guided tour of what data and insights are available and how to extract value.

12th July, 1.00-2.00

Education New Zealand

Update on the development of skills standards

13th July, 1.00-2.00

Ian Funnell (NZQA), Craig Langdon (Muku Tangata)

ENZ Market deep dives

Exploration of markets that present opportunity for now and the future

9 August, 1.00-2.00

Education New Zealand

International education - I Am New Campaign

Update from Education New Zealand

We thought you might be interested in how the I AM NEW campaign, [which has started strong](#), is performing and will run for 12 weeks.

- Reach in the last week: over 48m people driving 23k sessions to the campaign landing page, with over 4k being engaged sessions
- 754 referrals and 1,038 enquiries have come through from the SwNZ and various industry partners.
- online videos a 62% view-through rate (benchmark is 31%-41%)
- EDM stream's initial open rates 46% compared with industry benchmark of 25%.

Immigration fees changes

From 31 July 2022, Immigration fees and levies will increase for most visa applications.

ITENZ gave feedback on the proposed changes, along with other peak bodies.

See below from INZ

Fee and levy reviews are undertaken approximately every three years to ensure that immigration charges cover an appropriate portion of the costs of running the immigration system by those using it.

The context for this particular review is that current fee and levy rates are not sufficient to cover the costs of running the immigration system. This was the case even prior to COVID-19 when visa volumes and revenue were increasing, but Covid-19 has exacerbated this situation through a significant decline in revenue from applications due to the closed borders and associated disruption to air travel. The primary aim of this review was to return revenue from immigration fees and levies closer to cost recovery, while remaining within the range of what comparable jurisdictions charge.

The Government has taken decisions on the immigration fee and levy review. You can see the new fee and levy rates that will apply from 31 July 2022 on Immigration New Zealand's website [Immigration fee and levy changes | Immigration New Zealand](#).

We understand that a lot of sectors have been hit hard by the closed borders, and these price increases may cause concern, however New Zealand's visa charges remain competitive with other countries. The fee and levy increases announced today are necessary to bring fees and levies closer to an appropriate level of cost recovery.

In response to the feedback received through the consultation process, the Government has agreed to:

- absorb in full the shortfalls of fee revenue that occurred prior to border closure in March 2020 (pre-COVID deficits), as well as the shortfalls of revenue that have occurred to the end of June 2022 (COVID-related deficits).
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- cap or maintain the current prices of certain visas, including Visitor visas, the Skilled Migrant – Resident visa and key Pacific visas.

As a result, the final fee and levy increases are smaller than those that we consulted on.

Member news

Have you employed new staff, changed premises, got stories of learner success, started new programmes, built new relationships, started new initiatives? Do you have news or updates you would like to share with other members?

If so, please email admin@itenz.co.nz.

Reminders

If there is any change to your PTE contact details, please let Wayne know.

Ngā mihi nui

Wayne



