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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the March newsletter

Over the past four weeks the board and myself having been engaging with Government agencies regarding a number of issues including RoVE, the UFS, international education with cohort 4 (5000 international students) and the Youth Guarantee / Foundation Learning review. On top of this Wayne has been raising other issues as they come to hand on behalf of members.

Some members have suggested we need to do more in respect to the UFS. We are all working with the same information and I can confirm that we are regularly asking TEC and MoE for more information and holding them to task re consultation and testing their assumptions. We have been jointly meeting the agencies with QTI, our other PTE Peak Body, and jointly we have been lobbying and will continue to do so. This week we have Tim Fowler and Gillian Dudgeon at the Board meeting to highlight member concerns. We do understand and we are focussing on the best outcome for all. Keep sending your own submissions to the appropriate agencies as the more submissions the better.

As a board we have also started discussions with the WDCs and CoVEs . Each MOU will enable us to set terms of engagement with senior management of these organisations on issues that affect us all. This includes our first MOA with Te

Pukenga. We look forward to the engagement with all of the sectors on behalf of our members.

The next step will be writing to the Minister requesting a meeting once we have more information to digest as to the proposed funding model outcomes. Our biggest concern is the short and unreasonable timeframe we as PTEs have to transition to the new funding model. The more we work through the model the more questions remain unanswered in respect to how the models will work operationally.

Keep the feedback coming in as this is one of the most important changes we are facing in 2022, although not the only one.

The next board meeting in Christchurch on Thursday 7th April is followed by a networking lunch for members to meet the board so please take the opportunity to join us. Invitations have been sent out!

Regards
Craig Musson
Chair

ITENZ conference theme, 2022

The [ITENZ conference](#) theme for 2022 has been announced:

Courage, collaboration, capability and creativity: bridges to the future of tertiary education.

Mā te toa, te mahi tahi, te kaha me te wairua waihanga tātou e whiti ai ki te ao hou.

We will shortly be putting out a call for speakers and would love to get as many as possible. The theme is broad and within the membership there is a lot of expertise and experience to share.

If you would like to discuss a possible presentation/workshop, or would like some guidance/support, please feel free to contact Wayne.

New members

We are pleased to welcome two new ITENZ members, [AsureQuality](#), a PTE that provides training in food safety, auditing and related areas, and [QCONZ](#) who deliver courses on animal welfare, environmental, and food safety assurance programmes for the primary sector.

Agreement with Waihangara Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure WDC

ITENZ and Waihangara Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure WDC have signed an agreement to partner and collaborate. Under the Terms of Reference, we will create channels for communication and engagement. develop an annual plan, meet regularly to discuss strategic issues and opportunities, and work together on skills needs, qualifications and credentials.

We are expecting to develop similar agreements with the other WDCs and with CoVEs.

You can read the press release [here](#).

Unified Funding System

This month we will hear what the funding rates are for the various subject areas and for the various delivery modes. We will also hear what transition funding will be available. We want that funding to recognise the true costs to a PTE of transitioning

to a new business model and the true time required to do so. So far, that has not been reflected in the plans.

We are continuing to seek information on the modelling TEC has done on how the UFS will impact providers. In particular, we want to see the modelling that has been done on cost of provision - that is to say, the cost to providers of delivering, not the cost to TEC of funding provision, the assumptions that have been made, how they have been tested, and how they have been built into the funding model.

The way in which the contestable strategic component funding will be used is currently being considered. The documents show that PTEs should submit proposals that are innovative. It is important that this requirement for innovation is applied fairly across the system and not just to PTEs. Those PTEs who choose to transition to a different delivery model will need funding to support that, whether it is innovative or not, and the strategic component funding, for many, may simply bring total funding back to the last year's level, without allowing sufficient resource for new projects.

There will be good opportunities within this model for those providers who are well-positioned to take advantage of the changes and some are already seeing how it might benefit them; however, without full information it is difficult for many providers to know how they should respond.

If you have done any modelling on the impact of the changes to your operation and would like to share it with me (Wayne) in confidence, please let me know.

TEC plan guidance for 2023, and a link to the toolkit and timeline, can be found [here](#).

NZQA skills standards and national curriculum working group

The Skill Standards and 'National Curriculum' Working Group/ Te Rāngai Ohu Mahi - Paerewa Ako me te Marautanga ā-motu meets fortnightly. Wayne represents ITENZ

members on this group. Below are releases from the group from the past two meetings.

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The third Skill Standards and 'National Curriculum' Working Group meeting was attended by 29 Working Group members. The Working Group discussed how Ngā Mātāpono from Te Hono o Te Kahurangi could be applied to the development and design of skill standards. The group reviewed draft principles aligned with Ngā Mātāpono and made suggestions for how these might work in practice and what other principles could be added. Feedback from the discussion will be incorporated in the next iteration of the principles. The work programme timelines are currently being revised with the final Working Group deliverables expected to be completed in June 2022. Skill Standards specialist teams have been established by each Workforce Development Council to stress test the working principles and skill standard components through development of worked skill standard examples. The topic list for skill standard examples is currently being finalised. The specialist teams will be led by WDC GMs and will (as appropriate) include representatives from providers, industry and the Working Group

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The fourth Skill Standards and 'National Curriculum' Working Group meeting was attended by 27 Working Group members. It was agreed that the Ngā Mātāpono as expressed for the development and design of skill standards document be amended to include specific reference to Aromatawai. The Working Group were updated on the progress the specialist teams had made on the development of the skill standard worked examples. The updated co-design work programme was outlined. The development process of skill standard and 'national curriculum' proposals is expected to be completed at the end of June. The Working Group started the kōrero around the opportunities the 'national curriculum' could provide to learners, industry and providers going forward. This conversation will continue at the next hui. The next meeting will be held on 14 April 2022

International education

The 5000 places available in the 4th border exception cohort have now been allocated. The 850 places were allocated to PTEs were oversubscribed, with 39 providers applied for 2384 places between them. All courses included within the applications were approved.

About 14 ITENZ members applied for and received allocations under the PTE allocation and another couple received allocations under the English Language Schools allocation.

Those providers are now contacting students and starting the visa application process.

RSLG membership - expressions of interest

[A message from the Regional Skills Leadership Groups Secretariat](#)

New members who can provide insights and intel on current and future labour market and skills-related opportunities are currently being sought in 11 of the 15 Regional Skills Leadership Groups (RSLGs) for three year terms beginning in late June 2022.

MBIE are running an Expressions of Interest Process to seek suitable people to fill the positions available, which vary from region to region, and include:

- Industry/Business perspectives
 - Worker/Union perspectives
 - Supply perspectives
 - Community members who bring a diverse perspective
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The Expression of Interest process is open from 01 April – 21 April 2022.

There are 11 RSLGs with positions available and the positions within those RSLGs differ depending on the RSLG. The EOI links for the 11 advertisements are below:

- [Tai Tokerau Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Tamaki Makaurau Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Bay of Plenty Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Waikato Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Taranaki Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Hawke's Bay Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Wellington Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Marlborough Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Canterbury Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Otago Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)
- [Southland Murihiku Regional Skills Leadership Group Members - Expressions of Interest \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)

Some information about RSLGs and the skills we are looking for is outlined below, but this information is also included in the EOI link within the Position Description.

Please note that these roles have also been posted on jobs.govt.nz, LinkedIn, Seek and the Institute of Directors website.

About RSLGs

RSLGs are part of the Government's joined-up approach to labour market planning which will see our welfare, education and immigration systems working together to better meet labour force needs across the country. RSLGs are regionally based and regionally led, and are supported by a team of advisors and workforce specialists at the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE).

What skills we are looking for:

Members are appointed by the Secretary of MBIE and will ideally have a mix of the following skills and experience:

- the ability to take a region-wide view and demonstrate a strong understanding of regional labour market skills, training and employment needs
- an understanding of the distinct interests of iwi/hapū and Māori in their region
- a record of sound judgement and integrity
- the ability to operate at a strategic level and in a collaborative manner
- proven stakeholder engagement experience in the region, including relationships with industry groups, employers, workers, iwi/hapū, community and local authorities
- the ability to consider inter-regional relationships and synergies

Please let us know if you have any questions, by reply email to RSLGmembership@mbie.govt.nz

If you think there are others in your organisation to whom this may be of interest, please feel free to forward, and let us know so that we could make sure similar content is shared with them in the future.

Upcoming webinars

Calendar invitations will be sent to the primary contact in member organisations, who can then share with relevant staff.

An update on the Code of Practice

21st April, 1-2pm

Presenter: Dylan Anderson, Senior Advisor, Pastoral Care Students, NZQA

EER Updates

4th May, 1pm-2pm

Presenter: Paul Stone, Manager Evaluation, NZQA

Communities of Practice

The Academic Managers' group met last week. This group has been running since early 2021 and since then Mark Hinchey from South Pacific College of Natural Medicine has been chairing, organising meetings and taking minutes. He is stepping down from that role now and I would like to acknowledge his contribution to the group and to ITENZ. Cara Healy has also been instrumental, managing the facebook group and supporting Mark. We are now seeking a replacement to chair the group.

Pieter Watson from QED has taken over chairing the Māori Engagement group now that Kate Duggan (Transpower) has left. Their next meeting will be on **11th April at 2pm**.

Thank you to Mark, Cara and Pieter.

if you would like to join either group, or would like more information, please contact Wayne

Reminders

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

Meet the Board networking event, Christchurch, April 7, 12.30-2.00 RSVP to Wayne

Ngā mihi nui

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