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Message from the Chair



Craig is currently overseas. (Working, not holidaying sadly for him!)

What's been happening since the last newsletter?

March has been a busy month for ITENZ. Below are some of the meetings and events attended with external stakeholders, with some expanded on further in the newsletter. The focus of most of these meetings is on collaborative approaches to system improvements or to addressing issues that we face collectively,

- Ako Aotearoa Northern Regional Hub Forum.
- Education New Zealand: China market insights
- Alison McDonald, Secretary of Immigration
- Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education
- Strategic funding, 2024, with TEC
- Reducing compliance load meeting with MoE, TEC and NZQA
- Cross-agency Peak Bodies meeting (MoE, TEC, NZQA, MSD)
- International Peak Bodies meeting (ENZ, INZ and other sector peak bodies)
- Hon Chloe Swarbridge, Greens Education spokesperson
- NZQA Quality Assurance Advisory Group
- Toitu Te Waiora WDC

- Ringa Hora WDC
- ConCoVE
- Education New Zealand
- NCEA in tertiary, meeting with NZQA, TEC and MoE + ITENZ Foundation and YG group

Meetings with Minister Tinetti and with Hon Chloe Swarbrick

Together with QTI, we met with Minister Tinetti to brief her on the PTE sector, including the size, diversity, strengths and challenges. In particular, we highlighted the learner-centredness and responsiveness of PTEs, the vocational focus at all levels (we aim to have learners work-ready), the collaborative approach we have taken since RoVE started, the strong relationships with other parts of the system, and the quality of delivery of PTEs (94% are Cat 1 or 2).

We pointed out that "private" is a misnomer with many different ownership models, including not-for-profit, PTEs as training arms of an employer, iwi-owned providers, and other models

We highlighted the pressure many providers are under due to funding changes, the unevenness of the playing field, and the lack of positive attention and support given to PTEs during the RoVE project.

We also stressed the impact of immigration policy (particularly PSWR) on our, previously, \$5billion-dollar education export industry, and the impact on providers, learners and employers. We also requested more say over how the Education Export Levy is spent (given that cabinet has approved its reintroduction). We requested a joint meeting with her and Minister Wood (Immigration)

For her part, Minister Tinetti was well-briefed beforehand, was keen to find out more about some of our concerns, agreed with previous-Minister Hipkins view that

ownership (public or 'private') was less important than quality, and supported the idea of a joint meeting with Minister Wood.



Jan Tinetti and Chloe Swarbrick

Board member, Jeremy Sole and I met with Chloe Swarbrick to brief her on PTEs and to get a better understanding of Greens' policies. It was a good meeting, in which we were able to get our key messages across, and to hear that while the Greens believe strongly in public sector education, as we would expect, they also see the importance and value of PTEs.

Peak bodies, working groups, advisory groups, and ad-hoc meetings.

The **peak bodies** meeting minutes are now being loaded onto the ITENZ website members' area. November minutes are there and March minutes should be there in the next week or so, once we have received them. These are worth reading as questions you have asked (or thought of) are often answered there.

We met with MoE, NZQA, and TEC this month to advance the work on **reducing compliance load**. This was an important meeting as it represents a willingness for agencies to work with us, and to work with each other, to see where there can

be efficiencies across the system and where there can be a distinction between 'need to have' and 'nice to have' requirements. The meeting was a very positive early step.

We also met with TEC to look at the process for **Strategic Funding Component** applications and approvals for 2024. We gave feedback based on comments we have received from members and have suggested some ways that providers can be helped to navigate the applications

Tony Boyce and I have been representing ITENZ on the **NZQA Sector Advisory Group: Quality and Quality Assurance**. This group is made up of representatives from PTEs, Wānanga, Te Pūkenga, English Language providers, the TEU and WDCs . The aim is assist NZQA in exploring key ideas to be included in a revised quality assurance approach. To date the focus has mainly been on developing guiding principles in quality assurance.

NCEA meeting - Stephen Strawbridge, Tyler Robbins represented the a YG and Foundation CoP at thsi meeting. see comments in the CoP section

Our meeting with **Alison McDonald, Secretary of Immigration**, was brief but we raised some issues that members have had concerns about - the Green List (which as an MBIE-owned list), PSWR, and visa processing times. There are no quick solutions to the first two, and INZ will consider the third.

Ako Aotearoa Northern Regional Forum

Ako Aotearoa's Northern Regional Forum, run with a view to understanding the development and capability needs of providers, was held on 3rd May with support from ITENZ and Hanga Ara Rau WDC. Topics included implementing the new code of practice, literacy and numeracy, digital literacy and re-engaging learners. The forum was open to all tertiary providers and there were a large number of PTEs and ITENZ members present, as well as representatives from TEC and NZQA. It was a productive day which attendees found useful.



Ako Aotearoa's [Central Region Forum](#) will be held on **5th May in Wellington**.

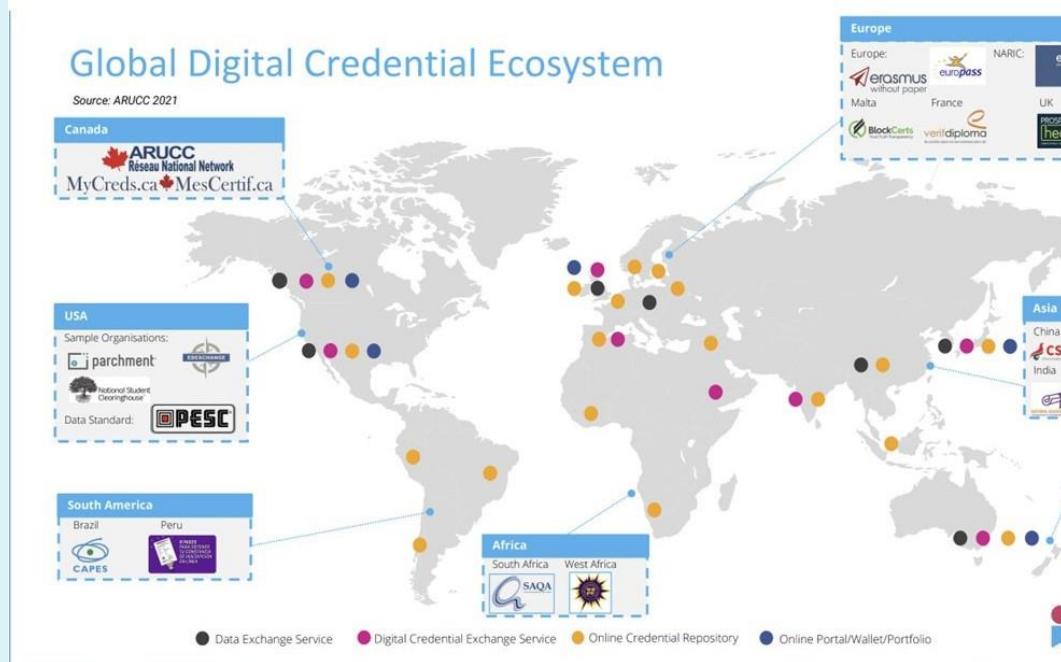
Register early if you wish to attend as some missed out in Auckland.

Recent webinars

We held two webinars this month.

The first, on **digital credentials**, addressed the growing demand for digital verification of credentials (in the same way as the demand for digital verification of ID is happening), the demand for credentialising that supports student mobility, and the demand for individuals to have control over data that relates to them.

The presentation was by My eQuals, who provide this service in Australia and New Zealand, and came with a discount offer for ITENZ members.



The second was a very informative **Q&A session with Rod Hearps, Asia Pacific Director of ICEF**, on international student recruitment. On the positive side, he

talked about the pent up and growing demand for international education globally. On the negative side, as we know, New Zealand is falling behind in terms of attractiveness. That is because students will not come to NZ simply on the basis of the quality of education, or the attractiveness of New Zealand, but want a return on the significant investment they make in the country and usually want this in the form of work opportunities.

Rod also had good advice for working with agents.

Agent Voice 2022

The future is bright.

73% of agents told us that interest in studying abroad increased in 2022.



Both webinars will be loaded onto the website

ITENZ Conference - call for speakers

Last year we had a wonderful series of presentations by our members and the invited speakers and we look forward to another year of engaging and informative presentations and workshops

Speaker submissions will be made via [the website](#) and the Call for Speakers will include the information below.

if you have an idea but aren't sure about it, or if you are a first-time speaker and are seeking some guidance, please feel free to contact me.

.He Pihi, He Tupu, He Puāwai! / Learning, growing and thriving: tertiary education and PTEs in 2024 and beyond

This year's conference theme addresses the *raison d'être* of tertiary and vocational education and training – enabling learners to learn, grow, and thrive throughout their lives so that they can participate in, contribute to, and benefit from New Zealand society and economy.

A healthy tertiary and vocational sector is also one in which providers, their leaders, and their staff are learning, growing and thriving, too, and where partnerships are blossoming.

The expression *He pihi, He tupu, He puāwai* is well known in Māori language circles as a metaphor for the realisation of potential, from the time when the young plant first breaks through the soil, to the organic growth and then to the blossoming.

We are very interested to hear from presenters who wish to address the theme *He Pihi, He Tupu, He Puāwai! Learning, growing and thriving tertiary education and PTEs in 2024 and beyond.*

Your presentation might be built around one of the following topics:

- Digitisation
- Diversity
- International education

- Innovation
- Leadership and management
- Pacific learners
- Policy
- Te tiriti
- Teaching and learning
- Wellbeing

Call for speakers

Participants are invited to submit a proposal to present at the conference that aligns with any of the conference topics listed above.

The conference will include:

- Plenary presentations (35-45 minutes)
- Breakout presentations (30 minutes)
- Breakout workshops (60 minutes)

The [ITENZ Conference](#) will be held in Christchurch at the Town Hall on **12th and 13th September**.



ITENZ Communities of Practice

If you would like to join any of these groups, **please contact admin@itenz.co.nz**.

Minutes and notes from these meetings can now be found on the Members' Area of the website.

Foundation and YG

The YG and Foundation CoP had a meeting on the 21st of March and discussed the submission we had prepared for government agencies to start the transition conversations for NCEA changes in a tertiary setting. The submission also covered last date of assessments for other level 1 and 2 unit standards and qualifications and suggestions we had re managing options for how we could transition into 2024.

This has been followed up with a meeting Wayne organised with NZQA, MoE, TEC representatives on the 30 of March which has started many of these discussions with a further meeting scheduled. An update will go out to the CoP after the next meeting in two weeks.

The group also discussed part-time YG enrolments, the implications that arose from part-time enrolments including how we will have to make changes to our programmes to get them approved prior to offering the option. Also discussed were Accessibility Policies as required under the Code and TEC Disability Action Plan. We will expand on this at a later date.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 16 May 2023.

SDR Users

We had several new participants in our last meeting and continued with an informal meeting style focussing on upcoming TEC changes and developments, Ngā Kete, and questions relating to TEC reports. Our next meeting will mainly focus on the April SDR, along with any issues or questions that anyone raises on the day.

NEXT MEETING: 3 – 4 pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

Academic Managers

The Academic Managers CoP has not met in this period. We are considering a possible restructure of this CoP to better meet member needs and interests and will be in touch with group members shortly.

Māori Engagement Rōpū

The Māori engagement rōpū met a couple of times this year with a focus on what went well, and our goals for this year. We're keen to hear from any ITENZ members what's working well in terms of supporting Māori learners as tauira or ākonga, and we're hoping to focus on better resourcing bi-cultural capability across ITENZ and its member PTEs. We're not sure what that looks like yet but keen to kōrero with anyone interested.

NEXT HUI: Rārua 11 March at 2.00 pm.

International Education Forum

Reminder: ITENZ International Education Forum face-to-face meeting - **18 May** at NZ School of Food and Wine, Auckland

Reminders

Emailing TEC

If you are emailing your relationship adviser, make sure you also copy in customerservices@tec.govt.nz. That way there will be someone to follow up and to check that your enquiry is being actioned.

Ngā mihi nui

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