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## Message from the Chair



### Welcome to the July Newsletter

As a board we have met to consider a submission on the variations to the funding determinations for 2025 and Wayne will incorporate the board's and members views on this in our submission. We have also been active in securing a review to the TEC financial viability ratios and TEC have agreed to consult with ITENZ and a diverse group of members on their feedback, including that of their accountants. We look forward to participating in this review.

In respect to answers from the Peak Bodies meeting we are still waiting on the minutes from the meeting and will share these once available.

The Board are also actively involved with the Peak Bodies Alliance to lobby for improvements to visa processing and more information on visa decline letters.

As at the time of writing this piece we have still not received the consultation document on the changes to Te Pukenga.

Craig Musson  
Chair

### What's been happening since the last newsletter

- Meetings with NZQA
- Meetings with WDC GMs and CEs
- Meetings with ENZ
- Meetings with TEC
- ConCove conference
- 21st Century delivery and assessment steering committee
- Code of Practice sector advisory group meeting
- ENZ strategy planning presentation

### Funding determinations, 2025

As flagged in the previous newsletter, there is a proposed increase in funding at levels 3-7, made possible by redistributing money previously allocated to strategic funding (Strategic funding will not be available in 2025).

Together with the 2.5% increase provided for by Budget 2024, provider-based learning (PBL) will see an increase of around 12-12.5%. While very welcome, this is still below SAC funding levels.

PBL (extramural) funding has increased significantly so that it is now more or less in line with onsite PBL funding.

Work-based learning has increased by 2.5%.

The funding document has removed the Learner Component expectations and now references the Tertiary Education Strategy where there are some,

but not all, of the same priorities.

ITENZ will be submitting a response, incorporating any feedback we receive from members. Once it has been submitted, it will be posted on the Member Resources page.

We also encourage you to make your own submissions. **Submissions close on 5th August**

For a summary of the changes, [see here](#) and for full details [see here](#)

#### VET structure.

Like everyone else, we are waiting on the proposal for the new VET structure, which is rumoured to be out this week - just as it was last week!

Once it comes out, ITENZ will go through it carefully and prepare our response. Your feedback to us, and to the Ministry, will be important.

#### Fees free webinar

A reminder that TEC will be running an information webinar on **Wednesday 7 August from 2.30-3.30 pm.**

If there are specific questions you want answered, you can send these through to TEC in advance - see below for details

*The session will provide an overview of the final-year Fees Free policy settings, including eligibility criteria. We will also outline the proposed high-*

*level implementation design, timeline and roles and responsibilities. There will then be the opportunity to provide feedback on targeted areas of the implementation design.*

*It is our aim that you will come away from the session with a better understanding of what the new final-year Fees Free scheme will mean for your organisation and learners.*

*To attend this information session please register for the webinar by 3pm Tuesday 6 August.*

**[Register now for the final-year Fees Free information session](#)**

*We would like to tailor the content of our session to answer as many of your final-year Fees Free questions as possible. If you have any questions please email them by 5pm Wednesday 31 July to [customerservice@tec.govt.nz](mailto:customerservice@tec.govt.nz) with the subject line '[Edumis#] – final-year Fees Free information session'.*

## **ITENZ Conference**

The conference is drawing near and we have a full programme of thought-provoking and informative sessions. Our featured speakers include:

**Hon Penny Simmonds**, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills

**Mahsa McCauley**, Founder of She Sharp and AI/machine learning expert

**Derek McCormack**, Co-chair, Ako Aotearoa

**Tim Fowler**, CE, TEC

**Grant Klinkum**, CE, NZQA

**Katrina Sutich**, GM Tertiary Policy, MoE

**Katherine Hall**, Exec Director, ConCove

**Esther Calley**, Principal Relationship Manager and **Jae Stowers**,  
Customer Contact Group Manager, TEC

**Sean McKinley** (CE Toitu Te Waioira WDC), **Phil Alexander Crawford**  
(CE, Hanga Aro Rau), **Philip Aldridge** (CE, Waihangā Ara Rau) and **Kari Scrimshaw** (CE, Ringa Hora)

Not only do we have the featured speakers but we also have **15 breakout sessions and workshops** over the two days, covering a range of topical areas

With forthcoming changes to VET, the conference will be a great opportunity to understand, discuss and help shape the future of our sector.

[For more speaker and programme details, see here](#)

[Register here](#)

Some of our featured speakers....



### Peak bodies meeting

We will receive the June cross-agency peak bodies meeting minutes by the end of this week. Check the Member Resources area of the website.

The peak bodies meetings are where we ask questions of agencies and raise the concerns of members so it is worth reading the minutes.

If you have anything you would like to see on the agenda, please let me know ([wayne.dyer@itenz.co.nz](mailto:wayne.dyer@itenz.co.nz)). Agenda items for the **September 11th** meeting will be due before the end of August.

### ITENZ at the NZ International Education Conference

Giuliana Silveira will be representing ITENZ on a PTE panel at this year's [New Zealand International Education Conference](#) in Wellington. With the other panelists, she will discuss the topic of Competing Globally at the Leading Edge and share expertise on programme breadth, international offerings, success stories, innovative solutions and opportunities for sustainable growth.

### Education New Zealand strategy

Education New Zealand presented its strategy and market planning to PTE peak bodies on Wednesday.

The high-level strategy has been signed off by the ENZ Board and the Minister. It has three objectives: to double the value of export earnings in the next 10 years, diversify source markets, and align with the needs of the NZ labour market, and now includes quantitative measures of success, which are detailed within the document.

A detailed presentation pack, which includes a summary of PTE activities for key markets, will be available for us to share with members shortly.

### **ITENZ Communities of Practice**

[Minutes of previous meetings are here.](#)

#### **Business and Compliance CoP**

The Business & Compliance Community of Practice (previously SDR Users CoP) has monthly meetings for administrators working with PTE compliance and reporting. Meetings are informal with a check in and discussion about any issues or questions that we have. New participants are welcome. We share concerns or interesting developments related to funding, meeting compliance requirements and maintaining business viability/growth.

The next meeting is from **3 – 4 pm on Thursday 21 August 2024.**

Please email [jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz](mailto:jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz) if you'd like to be added to the mailing list.

#### **Māori Engagement Rōpū**



The ITENZ Māori Engagement Rōpū meets monthly to share how members are supporting their Tauira, te ao Māori and te tiriti o Waitangi within their organisations and programmes. We have just set up a group on Teams for our meetings, to store meeting notes and to enable us to easily contact one another files. We are focussed on open discussion and sharing where we are at.

All welcome to come along. For details on the next meeting, please contact Robyn – [robyn.carruthers@spcnm.ac.nz](mailto:robyn.carruthers@spcnm.ac.nz) or Tyree [tyree@trainingcentric.co.nz](mailto:tyree@trainingcentric.co.nz)

### **Foundation and Youth Guarantee CoP**

The YG and Foundation Community of Practice met on 9 July. Practical learner safety expectations set out in the Education Code of Practice were discussed. NCEA level 1, vocational pathways at level 2, and the new versions of the foundation skills qualifications were also discussed.

**The next meeting is on 6 August.**

### **International Education Forum**

If you are not on the mailing list for this group and would like to be involved, contact Giuliana at [giuwork05@gmail.com](mailto:giuwork05@gmail.com)

### **New members**

We are pleased to welcome [Bethlehem Tertiary Institute](#) back to ITENZ. BTI offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including in employment preparation, teaching, counselling, and social work.



**Ngā mihi nui**  
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