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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the June Newsletter

Most of us will be busy working on our investment plans and additional funding requests for both in-year and 2025. It is difficult in that we still do not know exactly what funding model will be in place; however, we are expecting a decision from Cabinet any time and then there will be a short consultation period before the final decision is made. As soon as we know we will inform you. Of particular interest is the Strategic Priority Funding and Work Based Learning Funding.

On Friday 14th July ITENZ were invited to the closure ceremony and Prime Minister's Dinner for Chinese Premier Li. It was a great opportunity to catch up with other education colleagues and I also had the opportunity to have a short discussion with Immigration Minister, Erica Stanford and Tertiary Education and Skills Minister, Penny Simmonds. Both were reminded that the sector were intent on meeting them both to discuss issues of concern.

The International Peak Bodies Alliance group's main concern at the moment is immigration settings. We highlighted this at the recent Peak Bodies

meeting and have asked for a separate meeting with Immigration NZ to discuss visa processing and visa approval rates for all sectors. This is a major focus for all of us.

We also attended the Compliance Workshop with the government agencies on the 18th of June and covered off a number of matters that we have been discussing for years. Wins included; TEC agreeing to review the financial viability ratios, NZQA agreeing to review the sub contracting rules, review of the need for the Export Education Levy, a promise to improve feedback to the sector and to also improve TEC Customer Service advice, and a review of the requirement to review the Code of Practice annually. The Data System Review may result in some duplication between agencies being resolved.

Other matters discussed at the Peak Bodies Meeting will come out in the minutes once released..

Of course, the conference is fast approaching so please register now. We look forward to seeing you all there with Minister Simmonds opening the event.

Craig Musson
Chair

What's been happening since the last newsletter

Wayne has been on leave overseas so a little less than normal.

- Compliance minimisation workshop
 - Cross-agency peak bodies meeting. (Awaiting minutes)
 - International peak bodies meeting. ([Minutes here](#))
 - ENZ webinar - leveraging video
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- The China-New Zealand People and Business Dinner

Funding for 2025

There are still uncertainties about 2025 funding. Our advice from TEC is that providers should work on two *potential scenarios*.

1. All vocational funding is distributed in the same way as it was this year (i.e. no changes in 2025) *or*
2. No strategic fund in 2025 but provider and online delivery rates are lifted. Their suggestion would be to model for small increases.

There are a number of potential changes but TEC believes this is consistent with the Minister's intention to move back closer to SAC rates for vocational delivery.

We are expecting consultation on the proposed vocational education changes to begin very soon.

Upcoming changes to the ITENZ Constitution

In October 2023 the [Incorporated Societies Act 2022](#) came into force, requiring all existing incorporated societies to re-register prior to April 2026.

Re-registration means that societies need to:

- provide a constitution that's compliant with the 2022 Act.
 - include appropriate dispute resolution procedures in its constitution.
 - have a committee that's responsible for managing the operation and affairs of the society.
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- have at least 10 members.
- provide at least one person's contact details (these details will be used by the Registrar to contact the society).

The ITENZ Board is currently working on changes to the ITENZ Rules (constitution) to align with the Act and once a draft is completed, it will be sent to members for consultation.

A final constitution will need to be approved at an AGM.

International

New ENZ Chief Executive appointed.

Amanda Malu (Ngāi Tahu) has been appointed as the [new ENZ Chief Executive](#) starting in September.



Many of her senior roles over the past two decades have been within crown entities, including her current role as Deputy Chief Executive Service Delivery at ACC where she leads a team of 2,700 staff across New Zealand. Her previous roles include Chief Marketing Officer at Whānau Āwhina Plunket, and leading the Government Relations and Communications function at the

Tertiary Education Commission. Earlier in her career she worked in the polytechnic sector, in marketing and international student recruitment.

We look forward to working with Amanda on the international education strategy.

Visa processing

Issues around visa processing times and approval rates continue to be a focus of ITENZ and other international sector peak bodies and was a topic of the most recent International Peak Bodies Meeting.

INZ report that 42% of applications are not ready for a decision and had to be returned to the queue pending further information. They provide a breakdown of reasons, with the primary one relating to evidence of funds.

ENZ and INZ are collaborating to build a 'how to' video for completing visa applications which will be aimed at agents and students. It is due to go live on July 15.

We have raised the importance of providers and agents understanding the specific reason for declines and as a result of INZ has brought forward the review of the standard letters that are sent out.

For a detailed look at the discussion, see the Peak bodies Minutes and attached documents in the [Member Resources](#) page of the website.

Call for post-study work rights

Following the article in PIE magazine on ITENZ's call for Post Study Work Rights (PSWR) for vocational learners, the New Zealand Initiative have also made a similar call in a [NZ Herald opinion piece](#). The article reflects many of the messages the sector has been consistently sending to Government.

Work rights for partners.

Government has [expanded eligibility](#) to include partners of those on a specifies L7 or 8 bachelor or bachelor(honours) degree that will lead directly to professional registration required for a Green List role

Neurodiverse learners.

Two recent reports cover the experience of neurodiverse learners in New Zealand.

Accessibility and consistency of support are the two areas where improvement can have significant effects.

[Let's Get Accessible: Disabled students' experiences navigating the tertiary education system](#) is a collaborative project between the Ministry of Education, National Disabled Students Association, Tertiary Education Commission, and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. The project gathered qualitative data on the lived experiences of disabled students in tertiary education.

[The illusion of inclusion. The experiences of neurodivergent children and those supporting them in Aotearoa New Zealand's education system](#), collects the perspectives and experiences of 2400 people engaged with neurodivergent young people.

Ako Aotearoa workshops

Ako Aotearoa have a new series of workshops designed to help you align your teaching practices with proven strategies for ākonga (learner) success.

[Exploring Ako | Six steps to success](#) includes an introductory overview on the six principles (or steps) and six elective sessions that offer a deeper exploration of each principle. They are offered as bite-sized chunks of learning that you can select from to suit your current focus.

ITENZ Conference

NZQA and TEC exhibition stands

Once again, we have a wide range of exhibitors confirmed for 2024, including TEC and NZQA, who will both have stands where you can engage directly with staff

James Elliot returns as MC

The very popular James Elliot will once again be the conference MC. James is wonderful at creating the relaxed and inclusive atmosphere that is a feature of the ITENZ conferences.



[See here for more information and to register](#)

ITENZ Webinar

If you didn't attend the recent webinar, **Leveraging Short Videos to Boost Digital Engagement**, you can watch it by going to the [Member Resources](#) page of the website. The presentation is clear and insightful and worth watching if you are considering using video for marketing purposes.

ITENZ Communities of Practice

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

Business and Compliance Community of Practice (Previously SDR Users 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. We share concerns or interesting developments related to funding, meeting compliance requirements and maintaining business viability/growth. New participants are welcome.

The next meeting is from **3 – 4 pm on Thursday 25 July 2024**.

Please email 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 Tauria, 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. To join this group, please contact Robyn – robyn.carruthers@spcnm.ac.nz or Tyree tyree@trainingcentric.co.nz

Foundation and Youth Guarantee CoP

The YG and Foundation Community of Practice didn't meet in June. The next meeting is scheduled for **9 July at 12pm**

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

Resources

Healthcare L3 and 4

If anyone is looking to offer healthcare level 3 and/or 4 qualifications and need the information for accreditation and/or content then please contact Christine Clarke at Kalandra - christine@kalandra.ac.nz. You can see the multiple strands they offer at www.kalandra.ac.nz.

Offering resources for sale

At the most recent ITENZ Board meeting, it was agreed that we would include a classified section within the newsletter for those offering resources for sale. There will be a fee for advertising. Details to follow.

New members

We are pleased to welcome new ITENZ member, [Brittains Lifelong Choices](#), a New Plymouth-based PTE offering STAR, Gateway and industry short courses.

Reminders

Get your submission in for the ITENZ Awards. [See here for more information \(scroll right down\)](#).



Ngā mihi nui
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