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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the March Newsletter.

The new government have been busy in their first 100 days with most of their focus being outside the tertiary education fold. We managed to secure a meeting with Minister Penny Simmonds to ascertain her plans for our sector. The meeting was an honest appraisal of where she saw the sector and we were able to discuss our concerns and our place in the tertiary environment, which she acknowledged. Wayne has already sent out an email with the details of the meeting.

We made it clear that we do not support the disestablishment of the WDCs, as we are making progress with them and NZQA to reduce compliance and we do not want to go back to the previous ITO system. We note that no formal announcement has been made yet and that any changes will likely require a legislative process

She talked about suggested changes to immigration settings to improve visa

processing and we await the Immigration Minister's thoughts on her suggestions. The Minister also praised the work that the "International Alliance" (a cross-sector industry alliance) , were doing for the industry in International Education.

ITENZ were also part of a compliance workshop with all the government agencies we work with in our sector to reduce duplication and unnecessary compliance. The workshop was positive and the government agencies are looking at some quick wins and what needs more in-depth analysis. There is a mood for compliance reduction.

More recently, Wayne has been releasing specific parts of the NielsenIQ report into PTEs. I passed on the information to my staff and received positive feedback on what they learned about the sector they are working in. I encourage others to do the same; it is all positive and helps us to feel proud of our part in the tertiary education sector.

Regards
Craig Musson
Chair

ITENZ Conference 2024

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Te Pae Āpōpō – Building Futures: Transformation, Quality, and Sustainability in Vocational and Tertiary Education

Earlybird registrations now open

Call for speakers now open



[For more information, see here.](#)

What's been happening since the last newsletter?

Meetings with:

- NZQA
- TEC
- Ringa Hora WDC
- Hanga Aro Rau WDC
- Hon Penny Simmonds
- Aviation NZ
- ITENZ members

ITENZ has represented members in the following groups this month:

- NZQA Quality Assurance Framework redesign
- International Education Alliance
- Cross-agency compliance-management group
- Cross-agency Peak Bodies meeting
- International Peak Bodies meeting

Work proceeds to reduce compliance across agencies

ITENZ has been advocating for some time for a cross-agency response to the compliance load that burdens PTEs. After a hiatus of several months, ITENZ, QTI and English New Zealand met in mid March with a number of senior staff from TEC, NZQA, MoE, WDCs and MSD to start work on compliance reduction.

The agencies had previously met together and, based on feedback from the peak bodies and that from providers, had identified some "pain points" where work could begin, for example, sharing information across agencies from the approvals process. They propose taking a collaborative, continuous improvement approach and will seek to design and implement solutions to the pain points highlighted.

The meeting was very constructive and we look forward to continuing the work to reduce compliance loads.

Fees free

There is still no final news on the fees free policy for 2025. Minister Simmonds said in the Education and Workforce Committee hearings that it is part of the budget process and that a final decision will be made by cabinet.

For anyone interested in knowing more about the state of tertiary education and

the areas of ministerial interest, you can watch [Education and Workforce Committee hearings here](#).

Peak bodies meetings

Minutes of the March **International Peak Bodies** meeting, held on March 13th, are available on the Member Resources page of the ITENZ website. Included are updates from ENZ, INZ, NZQA and Fairway.

The **Cross-Agency PTE Peak Bodies** meeting was held the same day and minutes will be posted when they become available.

The most important point was that made by Tim Fowler (CE, TEC) - money is very tight in the tertiary sector. We will know more about funding when the May budget is released.

Recognising excellence in the PTE sector

ITENZ Excellence Awards nominations open

“The ITENZ awards not only validate a staff member’s contribution to your organisation through an externally benchmarked assessment but also recognise hard work and dedication by a team member within the School.”

ITENZ Excellence Awards recognise the outstanding work our members do and are awarded in the following categories:

- Tutor of the Year
- Provider of the Year
- Outstanding Performance

- Supreme Award

We know that there is excellent practice out there and encourage you to nominate

To find out more, [watch the webinar](#) from earlier this month, [visit this web page](#), or contact admin@itenz.co.nz



Ako Aotearoa calls for PTE entries for the 2024 teaching excellence awards

Get nominated or support a nomination.

Now is a great time to get involved - Ako Aotearoa knows excellent teaching practice is taking place right across your part of the sector.

We seek PTE nominations from teaching individuals or groups for the Kaupapa Māori, Le Moana Mua Pacific, General, Group awards, and now the new [Te Tohu Māori award](#) that celebrates individual kaiako teaching te reo Māori.

To nominate a kaiako for Te Tohu Māori (there is one award worth \$15,000 in 2024), download and complete the two-page form for upload by 5pm, Tuesday

16th April 2024.

Find out all about this [new award here](#) (Note the process for this award differs from the other awards).

Deadline for all other Award nominations is 5pm, Friday 28th June 2024.

[Download and share the Te Whatu Kairangi flyer](#) - with information about all category awards.

Read the 2024 [Procedures, Guidelines and Criteria Book](#)

Contact us if you have any questions: info@ako.ac.nz

Size and scope of the PTE sector



PTEs deliver a wide range of qualifications and training across New Zealand

Did you know there are **381 PTEs** in **1300 sites** approved to deliver over **1600 programmes** leading to **800 qualifications**? [Read more about the size and scope of our sector here.](#)

The article accompanies the one published earlier on [the quality of the PTE sector](#)

ITENZ Roadshows 2024

ITENZ Roadshows with presentations from TEC, NZQA and WDCs will be held in May. These are a fantastic opportunity to hear from and engage with the government agencies and to network with your peers.

Auckland 6 May

Palmerston North 9 May

Christchurch 14 May

For venue details and to register, go to the [ITENZ Events web page](#)



ITENZ Communities of Practice updates

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 18 April 2024. Please email

jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz if you'd like to be added to the mailing list.

Māori Engagement Rōpu

The ITENZ Māori Engagement Rōpū met this month to kick start for the year. It was fantastic to catch up with old and new members to hear the of the mahi happening in this space. Bevan Jones from Education Perfect presented their course Te Ao Māori for Professionals and we shared an invitation to join us in this course to ITENZ members. (If you would like to know more, contact Tyree on the email below).

Our monthly hui (normally first Monday of each month) will meet again **8 April 2024 at 1pm**. The next hui will discuss our intent as a group and where we think our best mahi will assist the membership. All welcome to come along for the kōrero.

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 met on 26 March and discussed the following:

- WLN and ILN 2024 funding condition changes
- update from Minister Simmonds (from Wayne's email)
- upcoming consistency review for Foundation Skills level 2
- possibility of NZQA and TEC approval for an NCEA level 1 programme
- possible collaboration with disability action plans.

The next meeting is scheduled for 23 April at 12pm.

International Education Forum

The in-person International Education Forum was held on 14 March 2024 from 9:30am to 3:30pm with speakers from Education New Zealand, INZ, and Fairway

Solutions, speed dating with agents and the opportunity to network.

We would like to acknowledge Education New Zealand who supported the event. It was a "truly enriching experience" and "a productive and action-packed day" according to attendees.

A special thank you to New Zealand School of Food and Wine, whose venue we used and whose students and staff did such a fantastic job looking after the participants



For more information on this group, contact Giuliana Silveira - giuwork05@gmail.com

Please contact admin@itenz.co.nz if you would like to join any of these groups.

Concove symposium

Join ConCOVE Tūhura for the 2024 event!

ConCOVE's 2024 event - Tūhura: Research insights, future innovations will be held on **July 4th at the Waipuna Hotel and Convention Centre in Auckland.**

At this event, ConCOVE will delve into the latest research findings and forward-thinking insights within the vocational education and construction and infrastructure sectors, a vital component of New Zealand's economy.

The topics included will explore the future of training, learning, work culture, how to empower Māori success, and a panel discussion to explore potential solutions for addressing skill-labour shortages in civil construction. 💡

Early Bird tickets are on sale now. Register today and take advantage of the discounted price. Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/tuhura-2024?c=partner>

Additionally, you can find a promotional post on their LinkedIn page, which we encourage you to share using the hashtags #ConCOVE.

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7176321591612506112>

Member news

If you have a news item you would like to appear here, please contact admin@itenz.co.nz

Congratulations to ITENZ International Education Consultant, Giuliana Silveira, who has just completed the Oxfam 100k walk - in 25 hours and 30 minutes!

[Read a Stuff story and see the blisters here](#)



New ITENZ members

We are pleased to welcome new member, **Vertical Horizonz**, new Associate Member, **Germinate Aotearoa** and returning member, **The Design School**.

[The Design School](#) offers courses in Graphic and Fashion Design in Palmerston North and is a returning ITENZ Member

[Germinate Aotearoa](#) is an organisation offering learning design and edtech services to education providers

[Vertical Horizonz](#) is a large PTE delivering health and safety, emergency, height and access and other training throughout the country

Reminders

Register for the ITENZ Conference and the ITENZ Roadshows!

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