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TIME	DAY 1 - TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2025		
	Galaxy Ballroom 1	Galaxy Ballroom 2	Meeting Room 5
8:30 am	Arrival & Networking		
9:20 am	Welcome (20min)		
9:40 am	Exhibitor Turbo Pitch (20min)		
10:00 am	<b>Morning tea (30min)</b>		
10:30am	 <b>Featured Session (60min)</b> <b>James Laughlin - Leadership Strategist and Mental Skills Coach</b>		
11:30 am	 <b>Featured Session (45min)</b> <b>Dr Grant Klinkum - Chief Executive - New Zealand Qualifications Authority</b> Embracing opportunities for change – An NZQA update for ITENZ		
12:15 pm	<b>Lunch (60min)</b>		
1:15 pm	<b>Breakout Session (45min)</b> <b>Stuart Martin - George Angus Consulting</b> The Value of Credentialing (The transformative potential of micro-credentials)	<b>Breakout Session (45min)</b> <b>Alex McKegg - Academic Manager - Edvance</b> My AI journey - what's worked, what hasn't	<b>Breakout Session (45min)</b> <b>Dr Marvin Hao Wu, Programme Manager, Research and Innovation - Ako Aotearoa</b> Against the Odds: How PTE Practitioners Secure Competitive Research Funding without Dedicated Infrastructure – An Evaluator's Perspective
2:00 pm	<b>Breakout Session (60min)</b> <b>Sharon-May McCrostie - Director International &amp; Sector Engagement - Education New Zealand</b> Passage to SE Asia: exploring opportunities for PTEs in India, Philippines and Sri Lanka	<b>Breakout Session (60min)</b> <b>Maren Frerichs - CEO - Skills Active</b> Finding our way back: a story of culture and commitment	<b>Breakout Session (60min)</b> <b>Sue West - Literacy Waitākere</b> <b>Nina Mercep - Literacy Waitākere</b> Reciprocity - Creating and Publishing Learner Stories
3:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea (30min)</b>		
3:30 pm	<b>Breakout Session (40min)</b> <b>Elizabeth Asbury - Pipi Learning</b> When and how do learners learn online?	<b>Breakout Session (45min)</b> <b>Phoebe Gill - Research Manager - Scarlatti</b> <b>Dr Adam Barker - Director - Scarlatti</b> "Giving Learners a Voice": Piloting an AI Oral-Assessment Agent in NZ Vocational Training	<b>Breakout Session (45min)</b> <b>Matthew Rolton - Ministry of Social Development</b> Helping students 'Get Sorted for Study'
4:15 pm	<b>Breakout Session (40min)</b> <b>Patrick Pheasant - LanguageCert</b> Navigating the Human Element: Enhancing Student Experience, Equity, and Resilience in High-Stakes Testing	<b>Breakout Session (40min)</b> <b>Alan Kan - Co-Founder - Mission Ready</b> Educator as Leader: Shaping the Future of Learning in an AI World	
5:00 pm	Conference Day concludes		
	Networking function and presentation of the ITENZ Awards (60 min)		
6:00 pm	End of Day 1		



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TIME	DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025		
	Galaxy Ballroom 1	Galaxy Ballroom 2	Meeting Room 5
8:30 am	Arrival & Networking		
9:00 am	Reflections of Day 1		
9:20 am	 Featured Session (45min) <b>Hon Penny Simmonds</b>		
10:05 am	Morning tea (30min)		
10:35 am	Breakout Session (40min) <b>ConCOVE Tūhura Workshop</b> From Research to Real-World Impact: Strengthening Vocational Education Through People-Centred Tools	Breakout Session (40min) <b>Dave Howden - CEO, Co-founder - SupaHuman AI</b> How NZ PTEs Are Using AI to revolutionise Assessments and Study Guides, and "firechat" with Chris van De Hor, Mast Academy	Breakout Session (40min) <b>Jennifer Leahy, Sector Services Manager, South Island - Ako Aotearoa</b> The Impact of Trauma on Learning: Leading with Care in Complex Times   Ko te Pānga Pāmamae ki te Ako: Te Arataki me te Atawhai I nga wa Matatini.
11:15 am	Breakout Session (40min) <b>Tiffany Andrews - Fruition Horticulture</b> <b>Missy Grey - Fruition Horticulture</b> <b>Naidene Myers - Fruition Horticulture</b> Tangata tākaro, tangata oranga ngākau; Weaving People and Play: Gamified Digital Assessment for Māori and Diverse Learners in Vocational Education	Breakout Session (40min) <b>Dr Craig Hansen - Summit Institute</b> AI is the biggest equity move we can make in our generation	Breakout Session (40min) <b>Julie Sandbrook - Compliance and Governance Consultant - JSS Consulting Limited</b> From Static to Living: Addressing Non-Compliance Risks in Quality Management Systems
11:55 am	Breakout Sessions (40min) <b>George Makapatama, Deputy Director - ConCOVE Tūhura</b> System Change Leadership: A ConCOVE Tūhura Legacy Framework	Breakout Session (40min) <b>Paul Millar, Engagement Partner - Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment</b> Immigration NZ update covering student visa processing; policy and system changes	
12:35 pm	Lunch (45min)		
1:15 pm	 Featured Session (40min) <b>Sahinde Pala, Group GM, International &amp; Sector Engagement - Education New Zealand</b>		
1:55 pm	Snack Time (10min)		
2:05 pm	Featured Session (40min) <b>Tim Fowler - Tertiary Education Commission</b> 		
2:45 pm	Draw winners of the passport game		
3:00 pm	Conference conclusion		