



ITO sector update

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New Zealand Apprentices can still be signed up to interim arrangements until 31 December 2017

We understand that some ITOs may have stopped enrolling apprentices in interim arrangements because the interim arrangements expire at the end of 2017. Please continue to enrol apprentices in interim arrangements. All enrolments in interim arrangements will be grandparented should requirements change.

A review of interim arrangements will happen in early 2017. The review will consider a range of factors including industry usage of and demand for all approved New Zealand Apprenticeships.

Consultation feedback for the new cohort-based EPIs will be available shortly

Thanks to those of you who provided feedback on the new cohort-based educational performance indicators. Your feedback and the methodology have been presented to the Minister and he is happy with the proposed way of measuring programme completions and apprentice retention.

The [feedback](#) from the consultation and the finalised [methodology](#) on the new cohort-based EPIs will be published on our website before the end of the year. We intend to use this methodology for the 2016 reporting year, including publication once the year has been finalised in April 2017.

Over-enrolment offset for 2016 may be waived

We have received approval to waive the over-enrolment offset for apprenticeship STMs on a case-by-case basis for 2016. Our decision to waive the offset will be informed by whether there has been any significant shift in the size of the offset from previous years and the extent of the over-enrolment above 70 credits.

A decision on waiving the over-enrolment offset for individual ITOs will not be made until April 2017 once 2016 data is finalised.

My Provision app – coming soon!

We have recently been in touch about ITOs getting their own *My Provision* app. This app will allow you to see enrolment and delivery information for your organisation based on the data in the Industry Training Register (ITR). Once developed, you will access all apps through our web portal *Ngā Kete*.

So far, we have asked you for feedback on our wireframes. Feedback is due back to us tomorrow, Tuesday 13 December. From time to time we will also ask for input into other aspects of the tool.

Early next year, we will ask for your help to refine programme names for reporting in the app. There are approximately 8,000 local programmes in the ITR, each with its own unique programme name. Some single programmes have up to 50 different programme names, making it difficult to report easily. We have created a draft list of programmes for reporting purposes and will seek your feedback on these early next year.

Community of interest for reporting information to the ITR

While we're on the subject of refining information for reporting, we are keen to set up a community of interest to ensure the best possible information is being reported through to the ITR. To do this, we would like to create a community that meets or connects regularly about better ways to do things.

Each ITO reports in its own information to the ITR in its own unique way. While this suits each ITO, at a sector level this creates all sorts of interesting views of information. For example, the New Zealand Defence Force has 53 different employer names entered in the ITR.

Our principal analyst, Julie, will be in touch next year about this.

Ngā Kete is the TEC's new online portal for tertiary education organisations

Ngā Kete makes it easy for you to access relevant material across multiple websites, both public and private, all from one central site. To log into Ngā Kete you will need to request access via the Ministry of Education ESAA (Education Sector Authentication and Authorisation) [access request form](#).

We encourage ITOs to organise logons to Ngā Kete for relevant staff. As mentioned above, this web portal provides access to a range of information including data apps, which will grow over time. You can read the Ngā Kete Quick Guide [here](#).

Reporting frequency will increase from January through to March

As usual, we will increase the reporting frequency for the 2016 reporting year leading up to the end of March 2017. We will begin reporting weekly (rather than twice a month) to help with data finalisation. From April 2017 we will resume the twice monthly reporting and this will be for the 2017 reporting year.

Tell us about your news

We are keen to highlight the great work and interesting stories from ITOs through our new TEC website. Our home page features different news stories from around the sector. This is a good opportunity to promote particular activities, special events or other interesting items of note. Please contact your investment manager in the first instance if you would like something showcased.

Incorrect reference to a funding condition in your 2017 funding confirmation letters

On page 5 of your latest funding confirmation letters, we incorrectly referred to funding recoveries being covered by Condition ITF019. Funding recoveries are actually covered by Condition ITF018. Apologies for the mistake although we were pleased to know these letters and the attached conditions are carefully read by you! Our thanks to an eagle-eyed ITO staffer.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

It has been a busy year, with Minister Joyce being particularly interested in industry training. At the time of writing we are still waiting to hear if we will have a new Minister after the announcement of Prime Minister John Key's resignation. If we get a new Minister we look forward to promoting industry training to them.

In the meantime, we hope you have a happy holiday and relaxing break and we look forward to working with you in the New Year.



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