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## PBRF Sector Update

### 2008 PBRF Payments

In December 2007 Dr Ruth Anderson wrote to all PBRF participating TEIs, outlining indicative 2008 PBRF Funding. This was split into three components, Quality Evaluation (QE), Research Degree Completions (RDC) and External Research Income (ERI). Monthly payments are now occurring against the funding level indicated in this letter.

TEIs that have not filed External Research Income (ERI) declarations with appropriate audit information and/or returned eligible Research Degree Completions as part of the Single Data Return (SDR) must do so to receive 2008 PBRF payments for these components. If you have queries about this please use the contact details below.

### 2007 PBRF Wash-up Adjustment

The 2007 wash-up adjustment will be calculated by the TEC in April 2008. This adjustment finalises the 2007 payments, taking into account changes in both the pool size and individual allocations. We will advise TEIs by letter of the wash-up adjustment by the end of April 2008. Details of the payment or adjustment will be included in the letter. To assist us to calculate your adjusted entitlement, please ensure you have:

- Updated the course register (via STEO) to identify all PBRF eligible courses,
- Supplied the TEC with evidence that all your RDC information has been externally assessed. The Guide is available at: <http://www.tec.govt.nz/upload/downloads/pbrf-2006-guidelines.pdf>,
- Supplied the relevant audit information to support your ERI allocation; and
- Returned any other information requested by the TEC.

### PBRF Annual Report

This will be published on the TEC website by the end of May 2008.

### Establishing the PBRF Sector Reference Group

The next Quality Evaluation for the PBRF will be in 2012. In preparation for the 2012 Quality Evaluation, the TEC is establishing a PBRF Sector Reference Group (SRG).

The SRG will provide advice on possible changes to the design, implementation, timing, nature, and conduct of the 2012 Quality Evaluation. Professor John Hattie, Chair of the Moderation Panel in the 2006 Quality Evaluation, has agreed to take on the role of Chair for the SRG.

The first meeting of the SRG will be held on 28 March 2008, to approve Terms of Reference, agree on a scope of the work required, and outline a schedule for future meetings. The second meeting is scheduled for 9 May 2008.

The work of the SRG will culminate in the publication of revised guidelines for the PBRF in 2010.

More information about the SRG's role and membership can be found at:  
<http://www.tec.govt.nz/templates/NewsItem.aspx?id=2722>

### **Independent Expert Review for Performance-Based Research Fund**

The TEC is currently carrying out an independent review of the positive effects and unintended consequences of the PBRF on the tertiary sector since the Fund was introduced in 2003.

The TEC has commissioned Dr Jonathan Adams of Evidence Ltd., Leeds, United Kingdom to carry out the review. The Terms of Reference for this review have been developed in consultation with the tertiary education sector.

The Review involves a programme of data collection with a range of informants in February and March 2008, a call for written submissions, as well as the synthesis of a broad and extensive range of secondary data sources. The Review will be completed by the end of June 2008.

The results of the Review will inform the work of the SRG.

Information relating to the Review, including a call for written submissions closing 12 March 2008 can be found at:  
<http://www.tec.govt.nz/templates/standard.aspx?id=2547>

More information about the Review can be found at:  
<http://www.tec.govt.nz/templates/NewsItem.aspx?id=2733>

### **Contact Us**

Any question regarding PBRF should be directed to either [pbrfinfo@tec.govt.nz](mailto:pbrfinfo@tec.govt.nz) or Sue Smart ([sue.smart@tec.govt.nz](mailto:sue.smart@tec.govt.nz)). Brenden Michewski is no longer the contact person for PBRF queries.