



Information for tertiary education organisations (TEOs)

Tahatū Career Navigator: Qualifications and data source information

This infosheet contains information for TEOs on qualifications and data sources in Tahatū Career Navigator.

Please also visit our dedicated Tahatū information page for TEOs:

<https://www.tec.govt.nz/strategic-initiatives/careers-system/tahatu-career-navigator/information-for-teos>

If you have any other questions, please reach out to our Customer Contact Team on 0800 601 301 or email customerservice@tec.govt.nz.

Where does the data for Tahatū qualifications come from?

Tahatū qualification data is sourced from the data that tertiary providers submit in DXP Ngā Kete for provider-based and work-based education. This includes enrolments, fields of study, duration, credit value and fees.

We have created a video to more fully explain where TEC sources its Tahatū data from:

<https://youtu.be/iHLxQsHzJcl>

How are qualifications in Tahatū organised?

Qualifications are organised into clusters of similar qualifications to ensure that learners can navigate according to their areas of interest. The clusters are a combination of:

- New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework (NZQCF*) level or level range
- a modified version of a detailed New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED**) field of study.

** For more information about the NZQCF, see:*

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-and-standards/about-new-zealand-qualifications-credentials-framework/>

*** NZSCED is a system used to categorise educational qualifications in New Zealand.*

What makes a qualification appear in a cluster?

Qualifications will appear in a cluster with a particular field of study if enough graduates have completed enough courses (university papers) in that field of study.

Qualifications can appear in more than one cluster depending on:

- the courses that learners completed within a particular qualification
- the NZSCED codes the tertiary provider has submitted for those courses and qualifications.

Why don't some qualifications appear on Tahatū?

An institution's qualification won't appear on Tahatū if:

- it is a new qualification that was submitted after the last Tahatū data update (data updates happen annually around the middle of each year)
- it is not funded by TEC
- it is worth less than 40 credits
- no learners were enrolled in the current or previous year
- it has no New Zealand-based learners enrolled.

The following types of qualifications also won't appear on Tahatū:

- Secondary to Tertiary Alignment Resource (STAR) qualifications, for example:
 - Introduction to working with children
 - Introduction to hairdressing.
- Trades Academy, off-job training, non-formal qualifications, micro-credentials, certificates of proficiency, training schemes.
- Conjoint degrees, for example:
 - Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Laws.

Reminder: Update your website KIS button image and link your qualifications to Tahatū before 4 December 2025

To ensure your learners continue to be directed to your qualifications after careers.govt.nz is retired on 4 December, please update your KIS button and link your qualifications to Tahatū using the instructions on the following infosheet:

[Updating your website KIS button image and linking your qualifications to Tahatū](#)

From 4 December, KIS buttons will redirect to a general guide page on Tahatū if you haven't updated the url address from careers.govt.nz to Tahatū.

Act now to keep your learners on the right path to your qualification.