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<b>To</b>	Poari Mātauranga/Academic Board	<b>From</b>	Rosemary Dewerse – Lead, Quality Systems, Te Korowai Kahurangi
<b>Title</b>	NZQA & ITP Sector Update	<b>Date</b>	28/08/19

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**Recommendation/s**

That Poari Mātauranga/Academic Board receive the NZQA and ITP sector update.

**Purpose**

To provide Poari Mātauranga/Academic Board with an NZQA and ITP sector update.

**Key Points**

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**1. RoVE announcement**

The only items of significance this month were the announcements by Education Ministry Chris Hipkins of the decisions on the Review of Education Vocation.

1 August 2019:

- From 1 April 2020 there will be only one ITP – working name NZ Institute of Skills and Technology (NZIST)
- From 1 April 2020 all currently existing ITPs will become subsidiaries of NZIST, working toward NZIST across the following two years (it seems with the possibility that some could maintain their autonomy as a subsidiary)
- Head Office will not be located in Auckland or Wellington

Seven key changes are designed to create a unified vocational education system:<sup>1</sup>

1. Create **Workforce Development Councils**: Around four to seven industry-governed bodies, to give industry greater leadership across vocational education.
2. Establish **Regional Skills Leadership Groups**: These would provide advice about the skills needs of their regions to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), workforce development councils, and local vocational education providers.
3. Establish **Te Taumata Aronui**: A group to help ensure that the Reform of Vocational Education reflects the Government's commitment to Māori Crown partnerships.
4. Create a **New Zealand Institute of Skills & Technology**: A unified, sustainable, public network of regionally accessible vocational education, bringing together the existing 16 ITPs.
5. **Shift the role of supporting workplace learning from ITOs to providers**: The new Institute and other providers would support workplace-based, on-the-job training as well as delivering education and training in provider-based, off-

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<sup>1</sup> Quoted from <https://www.tec.govt.nz/reform-of-vocational-education/>

the-job settings, to achieve seamless integration between the settings and to be well connected with the needs of industry.

6. Establish **Centres of Vocational Excellence**: CoVEs will bring together the Institute, other providers, workforce development councils, industry experts, and leading researchers to grow excellent vocational education provision and share high-quality curriculum and programme design across the system.
7. **Unify the vocational education funding system**: A unified funding system will apply to all provider-based and work-integrated education at certificate and diploma qualification levels 3 to 7 (excluding degree study) and all industry training.

2 August 2019:

Minister Hipkins announced the ten members of the Establishment Board: Wellingtonian Barry Jordan, Chair; Kim Ngārimu of Gisborne, Deputy Chair; Shane Culham; Maryann Geddes; Kathy Grant; Dr Sandra Grey; Tania Hodges; Brett O'Riley; Dr Linda Sissons; and Peter Winder.

22 August 2019:

Murray Strong (our current Commissioner) will be the interim Executive Director of NZIST until 31 March 2020 when the permanent Chief Executive will be announced. He will appoint staff to key roles in the Establishment Unit preparing for 1 April 2020.

**Unitec Action:** No specific action required.