
To	Te Poari Mātauranga Academic Board	From	Simon Nash Chair of Ako Ahimura
Title	Online Examinations	Date	2019 / 12 / 11

Recommendation/s

That Academic Board endorse Ako Ahimura Sub-Committee's recommendation that the Committee monitor the development and progress of online exams being undertaken through NZQA, and seek feedback from students who have experienced these exams.

Purpose

To report on the Ako Ahimura Sub-Committee's decisions about online examinations.

Background

Academic Board requested that Ako Ahimura discuss and provide a recommendation on the need, or not, to pilot the use of online examinations.

Academic Board has requested an investigation of how we may manage student expectations after the introduction of online exams for NCEA.

Students will be transitioning to the use of online exams over the coming years. They may prefer this experience and expect it when they come to Unitec. The introduction of online exams also has the potential to improve efficiencies around the exam process. Any move toward the use of online exams will incur additional cost and risk.

The Committee noted that while online exams are likely to become very mainstream in future, the NZIST is expected to develop them due to their scalability. Online exams are a new concept for many learners and will require new skills and need to be well designed.

Given this, our recommendation is to continue to monitor the development of online exams, but not to develop any within Unitec at this point.

Next Steps

Ako Ahimura Committee will continue to monitor the development of online examinations and to provide advice to Academic Board as required.

Attachments

Memo on Online Examinations to Ako Ahimura Committee from James Oldfield, Digital Learning Lead, 21 August 2019.