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# Amendments to NZQA Rules to align with the Reforms of Vocational Education (RoVE)

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# NZQF Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2018

## Rule 3.1 – Programme definition amended

### Current rule:

Programme has the same meaning as in section 159(1) of the Act, but excludes programmes to which the Industry Training Programme Approval Rules 2012 apply, as amended or replaced from time to time.

### Proposed change:

Clarify that the exclusion is only in respect to programme approval.

### Reason for change:

From 1 April 2020, ITOs become Transitional ITOs and are expected over time to transition trainees currently enrolled in programmes of industry training to appropriate providers.

The NZQF Industry Training Programme Approval Rules 2012 only apply to approvals and not accreditations. This clarification will remove a potential barrier to the transition of trainees to providers by ensuring providers are able to seek accreditation for a programme of industry training.

### Impact on TEOs:

Clarifies the definition so that accreditation is not affected.

## 3.1 – Inclusion of WDC

### Proposed change:

A definition of Workforce Development Council (WDC) has been added to the interpretation section of these Rules.

### Reason for change:

The rule set has been updated to reflect WDCs' programme endorsement role for an industry qualification on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF), and so a definition of WDC was needed in the rules.

### Impact on TEOs:

None.

## 3.1 – Inclusion of industry qualification

### Proposed change:

A definition of industry qualification has been added to the interpretation section of these Rules.

### Reason for change:

The rule set has been updated to reflect WDCs' programme endorsement role for an industry qualification on the NZQF, and so a definition of industry qualification was needed in the rules.

### Impact on TEOs:

None.

#### ***Rule 4.1 – Amended criterion four for programme approval***

##### **Proposed change:**

Add a requirement for WDC endorsement of the programme in criterion 4.

##### **Reason for change:**

The Reforms of Vocational Education allow for the creation of WDCs to give industry greater leadership across vocational education. A WDC function is to endorse programmes for an industry qualification on the NZQF that is within the specified industries covered by the WDC, prior to approval by NZQA. The wananga exception from WDC endorsement in the Bill has also been provided for.

##### **Impact on TEOs:**

Providers must seek WDC endorsement of their programme *and* the other requirements of criterion 4 as part of meeting NZQA's programme approval requirements.

#### ***Rule 5.1 – Additional information for programme approval applications***

##### **Proposed change:**

Add a new rule that applications for approval of programmes must contain a copy of the endorsement by a WDC.

##### **Reason for change:**

This change supports the requirement in rule 4.1 for WDC endorsement of a programme by requiring the supply of a copy of the WDC endorsement when applying for approval by NZQA. The wananga exception from WDC endorsement in the Bill has also been provided for.

##### **Impact on TEOs:**

Providers must include evidence of WDC endorsement of their programme as part of the information supplied in their programme approval application.

#### ***Rule 13 – WDC role in changes to approved programmes***

##### **Proposed changes:**

Add two rules that institutions must notify WDCs of Type 1 changes to approved programmes, and seek endorsement from WDCs of Type 2 changes to approved programmes.

##### **Reason for change:**

This change supports the role of WDCs in endorsing programmes and supports the changes to rules 4.1 and 5.1. The wananga exception from WDC endorsement in the Bill has also been provided for.

##### **Impact on TEOs:**

Providers will be required to notify and seek endorsement of Type 1 and Type 2 changes respectively from the appropriate WDC.

# NZQF Industry Training Programme Approval Rules 2012

## ***Rule 3.1- Amendment to definition of industry training programme***

### **Proposed change:**

Remove the previous definition of an industry training programme that relates to the Industry Training and Apprenticeships Act 1992, and replace it in relation to the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Bill scheduled to be passed on 1 April 2020.

### **Reason for change:**

To align with the amendments to the Education Act arising out of the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) from 1 April 2020. The Bill gives effect to the Reforms of Vocational Education.

### **Impact on TEOs:**

None.

## ***Rule 3.1 - Inclusion of definition of Transitional Industry Training Organisation and WDC***

### **Proposed change:**

Include definition of Transitional ITO and WDC and remove definition of ITO.

### **Reason for change:**

To align with the amendments to the Education Act arising out of the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) from 1 April 2020.

### **Impact on TEOs:**

None.

## ***Technical amendments across rule set***

### **Proposed change:**

All references to ITOs have been replaced by references to Transitional ITOs.

### **Reason for change:**

To align with the amendments to the Education Act arising out of the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) from 1 April 2020.

### **Impact on TEOs:**

None.

## **NZQF Qualification Listing and Operational Rules 2016**

## **Consent to Assess Against Standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards Rules 2011**

## **Training Scheme Rules 2012**

## **Quality Assurance (including External Evaluation and Review (EER)) Rules 2016**

### ***Technical amendments across all above rule sets***

#### **Proposed change:**

All the rule sets have been amended to reflect the following where appropriate:

- replaced reference to Institutes of Technology and Polytechnic with reference to the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (NZIST) and NZIST subsidiaries.
- references to WDCs.
- replaced references to ITOs with Transitional ITOs or WDCs.

#### **Reason for change:**

To align with the amendments to the Education Act arising out of the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) from 1 April 2020.

The rule sets have been updated to reflect the Bill.

#### **Impact on TEOs:**

None.