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Dear colleague

Proposed amendments to NZQA Rules

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) is seeking your feedback on proposed amendments to NZQA Rules to reflect the Reforms of Vocational Education (RoVE). These amendments align the Rules with the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) scheduled to be passed on 1 April 2020.

Most proposed amendments are technical and reflect the legal status and functions of the new organisations in the Bill. For example, where rules refer to Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) these have been updated to refer to Transitional ITOs. These and similar amendments have been made to the following draft rule sets attached for your consideration:

- *NZQF Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2018 (PAA Rules)*
- *NZQF Industry Training Programme Approval Rules 2012 (Industry TP Rules)*
- *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*

Apart from proposed technical amendments in the above rule sets, we have also reflected the functions of Workforce Development Councils as appropriate in the PAA Rules.

We welcome comments on the proposed amendments and any other feedback you may wish to make. As the amendments reflect RoVE policy and legislation that has been previously signalled and consulted upon, we are holding a shorter targeted consultation over three weeks.

Please send your feedback to gadconsultation@nzqa.govt.nz by **23 February 2020**.

Nāku nā

Eve McMahon
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