

Assessor Connect

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Welcome to the latest Academic Integrity Team newsletter. As you may be aware from previous newsletters, Primary ITO, as a work-based training organisation, is now a business division of Te Pūkenga. The work of the Primary ITO Academic Integrity Team now sits within Te Pūkenga's Academic Centre.

Te Pūkenga has a significant transformation programme underway to bring all the ITO organisations and polytechnic institutes of technology together to create one learning network. Central to the Te Pūkenga transformation is a national model based around four delivery regions. In June Te Pūkenga proposed what that model could look like for each region in terms of specific quality assurance roles and sought feedback from us on that. We expect to see the confirmed structure at the end of September, and I will provide an update on the future in the next newsletter.

We congratulate Andrea Leslie from the ITO Executive Leadership Team; Andrea has now been appointed to a new role within Te Pūkenga - Director, People, Food and Fibre, National Ako Network. Ako networks come together to use their knowledge, skills, and competencies to support delivery of vocational and on-the-job learning for all the organisations delivering primary sector qualifications.

We welcome Tulia Moss as our new Team Administrator. Tulia joined us in May and is involved in supporting the team with moderation activities and new assessor registrations. Tulia has an extensive background in Tertiary Education and it's great to have her on board.



The ITO is currently conducting an 'Assessment by Conversation Pilot' to look at how Assessors can use professional conversations to gather assessment evidence. This has potential benefits for both learners and employers - read more about this on page two.

We also have a moderation update in this edition. Post assessment moderation supports our assessors to grow and improve their assessment practice and provides our industries with confidence that assessments are being conducted to the national standard within the programmes we offer. A big thank you to those who have engaged in moderation and submitted material to us within the timeframes requested.

Ngā mihi nui

Trevor Crozier - Academic Integrity Manager



Primary ITO



Te Pūkenga

Assessment by Conversation Pilot

This new pilot is looking at the use of professional conversations to gather evidence and has potential benefits for learners, employers, verifiers and assessors if undertaken in a structured way which can maintain assessor objectivity and consistency, whilst delivering fair and authentic evidence.

Primary ITO is developing a process for capturing, filing, and holding conversations in a format that can be presented when called for moderation. A pilot exploring professional conversations with verifiers has been carried out, and a pilot with learners is just rolling out. In both cases pre-designed and moderated conversation scripts are used to guide the assessor and focus on what needs to be spoken about.

Once the strengths and weaknesses of the process are understood (over the latter half of the year), the ITO will then have another methodology for our assessment designers to call upon.



Assessor & Verifier Workshop Update

Alastair Gordon our Assessor Development Specialist has been busy running Assessors and Verifier Professional Development Workshops up and down the country in the last few months.



Pictured here (far right) Alastair recently delivered two fantastic workshops in Bulls and New Plymouth to help our budding horticultural verifiers and assessors.

Feedback from the participants was positive and affirmed the value of these kinds of workshops.

The introduction of more online workshops is becoming increasingly popular with busy Assessors. They are half an hour long, packed with practical advice and tips, and interactive giving the chance for Assessors to ask about specific assessment issues.

With more than 20 workshops scheduled over August September & October, it's not too late to register – Click to see the schedule [here](#). If you would like individual support, or a workshop arranged for workplace assessors or verifiers in your company contact Alastair at Alastair.gordon@primaryito.ac.nz

Help Us Update Our Records

Please email our Academic Integrity team at academic.integrity@primaryito.ac.nz if:

- Your contact details or employer have changed
- You have recently achieved Unit Standard 4098
- You are no longer assessing or do not wish to remain as an Assessor.

Moderation Update

This year our focus has been on moderating qualifications and the programmes they encompass. The moderation team has been busy over the last 6 months with **36 programmes** and over **100-unique unit standards** being moderated.

Meat & Dairy Processing

Workplace Assessors in the Meat and Dairy Processing sectors were recently moderated and showed a very good overall performance in assessing to the national standard.

Horticulture

Amenity, Landscape, Arboriculture and Production Horticulture moderations are currently underway culminating with a Panel Moderation event at the end of August.

Thank you to those of you who have submitted material for moderation within the requested time frames.

This is a friendly reminder that all Assessor are obligated to participate in moderation activities when requested, otherwise this may put their registration at risk.

If you require support when you have a request from the ITO, please don't hesitate to call us and we will guide you through the process if you are unsure of what is required.

For more information on what to send in for moderation view our [Sending Assessments for Moderation video](#).

Connect with us!

For general inquiries or feedback on our newsletter please contact the Academic Integrity Team.

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Tips for Sending in Moderation Samples



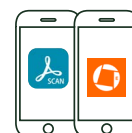
1. Always include the verification and assessor sign off pages and make sure they are signed with comments.



2. Supply the Assessment booklet/section that the learner has completed (written answers to questions etc)



3. Label photos with the learner's name and what tasks they are doing so they are linked to the assessment.



4. Mobile scanning apps such as Adobe Scan or Genius Scan are free and great for scanning multiple pages into one document.

Ngā mihi nui

Trevor, Warren, Alastair, John, Wendy, Kelly, Kathleen and Tulia