

Assessor Connect

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Welcome to the Academic Integrity Team's first newsletter for the year. A special thanks to you and our moderators- last year we completed a large assessor assurance stocktake to establish a baseline as part of Primary ITO's entry into Te Pūkenga - 90% of our assessors were moderated in 2022. Overall, the moderation outcomes were positive and heartening. Primary ITO moderation activity for 2023 is now underway with a focus on qualifications and the programmes they encompass, and you can read more about that in the Moderation Update below.

In fairness to learners, the ITO is making more explicit in assessments the right of learners (ākongā) to appeal an assessment competency decision. The first step they must take is talking with you, the assessor, in an attempt to resolve their concerns. If still dissatisfied, they can appeal to the Academic Integrity team who will follow set consultation and decision-making processes. You will see that notification to learners in assessments now being produced / revised.

Going forward, there have been some responsibility changes within the Academic Integrity Team; Kathleen Moffat will now lead the moderation calendar; Warren Smith will lead the ITO contracted-provider quality assurance programme, and a new Administrator for the team is currently being recruited.

In closing, just a reminder to archive in a purposeful way, all assessment material for 2 years so it can be easily found if called for moderation. Thanks for all your good work.

Ngā mihi nui

Trevor Crozier - Academic Integrity Manager



Primary ITO



Te Pūkenga

Verifiers

Resources and support for Workplace Verifiers.



New Verifiers Webpage

Our NEW [Verifiers webpage](#) located under Employers on the Primary ITO website has resources and professional development workshops to support the important work our verifiers do.

Resources include the [Verifiers handbook](#) and new verification videos as outlined below.

[Verification of assessments](#) - this video covers what verification is, and how and when it is used.

[How to complete assessment verification records](#) - this video covers real examples of verification comments.

Please let your workplace verifiers know about the new page and where they can check it out.

Assessor & Verifier Workshops 2023

Our Professional Development Workshops are continuing across the country for both Assessors and Verifiers in 2023. As the facilitator, I have received some great feedback from Assessors who have found the interactive and practical nature of the workshops, the real-life examples, and practical tips very helpful. We strongly encourage you to attend one in your area. For more information on dates or to register [view here](#) or visit the Assessors Professional Development webpage under Employers on the Primary ITO website.



(Note these workshops are not related to and separate from 4098 training.)

For the first time Primary ITO are also running workshops specifically for agriculture verifiers in Taranaki, Invercargill, and Ashburton focussing on the role of the verifier and what good verification looks like. [Click here](#) for more info.

If you would like individual support, or a workshop arranged for workplace assessors or verifiers contact me at Alastair.gordon@primaryito.ac.nz

Alastair Gordon - Assessor Development Specialist

Horticulture Employer & Graduate Survey

Primary ITO has recently conducted a graduate and employer survey for the Horticulture sector. The survey asked recent graduates and their employers how well they feel the skills gained from training match the graduate profile outcomes, and what benefits they've

received from the training. This feedback gives Primary ITO valuable information to help improve training and meet requirements for NZQA consistency reviews.

50% of the those who participated in the survey had completed Level 3 Horticulture, 25% had completed Level 4 Horticulture production and just over 10% were graduates of Level 4 Horticulture Services. The rest had completed Apiculture qualifications.

Some key results were:

91% of graduates felt they could meet the graduate profile outcomes well or very well.

82% felt they had received the skills needed to advance their career.

68% had remained with the same employer.

57% had received a wage increase as a result of their training.

65% said they had wider industry knowledge as a result of their training.

When asked what they felt they could do better after training; improved confidence and better understanding of why they do things the way they do were two major themes.



"The thing that holds the most value to me is just the knowledge in general that I have learned.

I have been able to implement it in my day to day at work and also in my personal life."

Wendy Allison - Lead Programme Reviewer

Assessment Pilot for Pasifika Learners

The Tertiary Education Commission has developed an Equity Fund for projects to support Māori, Pacific, and disabled learners in achieving their educational goals. The funding aims to improve participation and achievement of qualifications for these learners and covers additional support some learners may need.



Using this fund, Primary ITO is currently running a pilot to explore assessing Pasifika learners in their native language. This pilot is based on the premise that it is fairer for learners where English is a Second Language.

Assessing learners in their native language is important for promoting equity and inclusion and maximising fairness and accuracy. This project is being carried out in collaboration with Alliance Group. Primary ITO is developing processes around this to ensure consistency and that the assessment outcomes will meet moderation requirements.

For more information contact Alastair Gordon
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Moderation Update

Moderation for Quarter 4 2022 is now complete, however there are a few assessors that are still undertaking moderation for 2022 due to non-engagement over the calendar year. This is a friendly reminder that your obligations as an assessor are to participate in moderation activities when requested. 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.



Moderation for 2023 is now posted on the website for your information. [View Here.](#)

This year we are focusing on qualifications and the programmes they encompass, this will mean that you will be requested to provide samples from specific learners, so these are aligned to our selected programmes.

For those that participated in moderation in 2022, thank you for the continued support that you provide for our learners.

Warren Smith - Quality & Compliance Advisor

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 US 4098
- you are no longer assessing or do not wish to remain as an assessor.

Connect with us!

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

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