

# Assessor Connect

December 2022

## Welcome

This is the Academic Integrity Team's final newsletter for the year.

On 5th October the ITO was formally welcomed into Te Pūkenga with a powhiri at Pipitea Marae and Function Centre, ITO team members from around the country joined together with those based in Wellington. Pictured below; Peter Winder, Acting Chief Executive of Te Pūkenga, Nigel Philpott CE of Primary ITO (both in the centre of the group) gather with Te Pūkenga and ITO whanau after the powhiri. You can read more about the transition [here](#)

At this early stage the merge has had minimal impact on the Academic Integrity Teams systems and processes. We will deliver our planned moderation calendar for 2023 which will be published in January.



A series of great Assessor Professional Development workshops is also planned across the motu for next year.

The ITO continues to enjoy a warm and collegial relationship with our Workforce Development Councils, their openness and willingness to join in with us when we propose new ways of doing things has been appreciated.

There has been an extended and more in-depth national moderation calendar rolled out this year, and the results from that show a high degree of skill and thoroughness being applied in competency judgements. Thank you to all our hard-working assessors and moderators for actioning our moderation requests, your care and attention to detail is noticeable.

Have a relaxed and enjoyable Christmas/New Year.  
Ngā mihi nui

**Trevor Crozier - Academic Integrity Manager**



Primary ITO



Te Pūkenga

## Assessor Workshops 2023

We are holding Professional Development Workshops across the country for both Assessors and Verifiers in 2023 and we strongly encourage you to attend one in your area.

These will be interactive and practical in nature with the aim of making your job easier by sharing practical tips and real-world examples that you can implement in your own assessment/verification practices.

The schedule of dates will be emailed to assessors in early February and published on the Assessors webpage under Employers on the Primary ITO website. 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](mailto:Alastair.gordon@primaryito.ac.nz).

## Community Day

Our Academic Integrity Team took a 'paws' from our usual routine to trot over to the Wellington SPCA to lend a hand. It was a 'purrfect' opportunity to check out and support the work of the SPCA, which has been caring for animals in Wellington for over 130 years. We were put to work making up adoption info packs, plaiting chew toys from old sheets and making doggy snuffle mats (used to hide dry food in for doggy fun). We also made a heap of eco-friendly cat toys from old toilet rolls ... who knew they had so many uses!"

The SPCA is our biggest provider of training for the level 3 Companion Animal care qualification, so it was a great chance to meet staff and answer their questions about assessment and moderation - and to enjoy a few cuddles with the cute kittens & puppies!



## 4098 Update

**Over 660 or 80% of Primary ITO Workplace Assessors now hold Unit Standard 4098** *Use standards to assess candidate Performance*. A fantastic achievement considering in March 2020 just 25% of assessors held this unit. Congratulations to those of you who have gained US4098 over the last two years. Having our assessors upskilled has the dual benefit of improving assessor confidence and judgments while ensuring assessment for our learners is fair, valid and to the national standard.

The increase over the last two years is due to the uptake in enrolling to the PITO/Wintec 4098 courses offered nationally and training advisors following up with assessors regarding their assessment requirements for the course, so they can complete within the requisite 12 months or sooner. If you require help to get the practical component of the course completed, please contact your Primary ITO representative for assistance.



## New Verification Videos

Check out our two new videos to assist verifiers and Assessors in completing verifications for assessments.

**Verification of Assessments** video covers what verification is, and how and when it is used. [View here](#)

**How to Complete Assessment Verification Records** video covers real examples of verification comments. [View here](#)

We also have a [Assessor/ Verifier Comments Tip Sheet](#) to help you write comments that have meaning and give context for moderators.



## Moderation Update

Corrections Moderations are now completed for the year with a 100% compliance rate for assessors moderated in 2022. Prison visits for face-to-face and PD support days will resume in 2023.

The Arboriculture and Production Horticulture moderation is now completed. There has been a marked improvement of engagement with 90% of assessors being found compliant.

Thank you to those of you who submitted material for moderation this year. This is an important quality assurance process to give industry confidence that assessors are making consistent decisions about learner competency and to the National Standard.

A reminder: all assessors are obligated to participate in moderation activities when requested otherwise they may put their registration at risk.

Moderation of Enchem, Seafood and Sports Turf assessors is currently underway and progressing well. Results will be reported in the next issue.



**Warren Smith**  
Quality & Compliance Advisor

## Help us update our records

Please email our Academic Integrity team at [academic.integrity@primaryito.ac.nz](mailto: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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*Ngā Mihi from  
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Wendy, Kelly & Kathleen*