

Assessor Connect

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Pictured Left to Right: Kathleen Moffat, Trevor Crozier, John Troutbeck, Alastair Gordon, Warren Smith, Wendy Allison & Kelly Cenek (absent Tulia Moss, Cathy Puanaki)

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2024.

We would like to take this opportunity to farewell and thank Trevor Crozier, our former Academic Integrity Manager for his invaluable mahi with the ITO. After spending most of his working life in education, Trevor has decided it is time for him to retire and enjoy time pottering in his Man Shed and with his family. Trevor has been a great leader, and many at the ITO and further afield have benefited from his wisdom and immense knowledge. He will be sadly missed. The Academic Integrity Team took time recently to farewell him and wish him all the best in his retirement.

We recently held a moderators professional development meeting to help ensure we are making consistent moderation decisions. We have a very experienced group of moderators who ensure we keep the consistency that we need in our moderation programme.

Ngā mihi

From the Academic Integrity Team

Future of Primary ITO

We are waiting on final decisions from the Government on what the vocational sector will look like in the future. Tertiary Education Minister Penny Simmonds is planning for a proposal to Cabinet by the end of June. It will then make its decisions and we expect an update some time after that.

As an interim step, while we remain a business division of Te Pūkenga – the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology, like other ITOs we have returned to our single Primary ITO branding. Changes to legislation need to be made to fully disestablish Te Pūkenga, which may take a significant amount of time. In the meantime, the team will continue to be here to provide support and guidance and continue with our current work.



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Defendable Assessor Decisions

How would your assessment decisions stand up in court?

Would your assessment documents and the decisions you marked as Achieved withstand the scrutiny of a legal investigation?

Many activities in primary industries carry inherent risk particularly around the use of machinery and vehicles and sadly serious injuries and deaths from Quad bikes, LUVs and tree felling activities continue to feature in the headlines.

During an investigation into workplace accidents, training records and assessment are looked at by WorkSafe or in the case of death by a coroner, so it's important that you can show defendable, fact-based evidence that you assessed correctly.

Based on a presentation by Helen McPhun - 4 Clarity Consulting Ltd.



ChatGPT

You may have heard of **ChatGPT**. This AI-powered language app is capable of generating human-like text based on context and past conversations. While it is a useful tool to gain information, it should not be used by learners to answer questions within their assessments - this is considered plagiarism, like copying someone else's work or having somebody complete your assessment for you.

What if you suspect that one of your learner's is using ChatGPT?

DO your own check using the APP.

- Open up ChatGPT and type in the exact question word for word into the application.
- Compare the response from ChatGPT to the learner's answer.
- If you see commonality of words, and you think that the learner would not normally use these words or there is no reference to these words in any learner resource provided, then chances are it is being used.

Question the Learner

Have a conversation with the learner about how they arrived at the answers in question. Discuss what was meant by the answer and allow the learner to explain their answer to you. You should then be able to gauge if the learner knows the answer or if they might be using ChatGPT or any other form of plagiarism.

Contact your Primary ITO Training Advisor for advice on what to do if you suspect cheating has occurred.

Assessor & Verifier Workshops 2024

The Academic Integrity Team is continuing to run a series of free face to face and online Professional Development workshops across the country for Assessors and Verifiers. **Click [Here](#) to register for July – November dates.**

Alastair has recently held a number of successful workshops for Meat and Dairy Processing companies in the South Island. If you would like a workshop arranged for workplace assessors or verifiers in your company or individual support, contact Alastair at Alastair.gordon@primaryito.ac.nz

Programme Evaluations update

Programme evaluations are internal reviews to gain a snapshot understanding of how our programmes are working in the field, how learners are achieving, how well they meet the needs of industry, and whether learning and assessment supports achievement.

3129 NZ Certificate in Seafood (Level 5) qualification was reviewed recently. There is no programme for this qualification, however with a cohort of apprentices beginning to graduate from the Level 4 qualification, ensuring there is a pathway into further training at Level 5 is a priority. Options are being explored as part of the review of the qualification currently taking place with Muka Tangata.

The **Level 5 short programme for HACCP Co-ordinators** was reviewed concurrently. This specialist programme is very successful for those who enrol, with 100% completion rate. It is a success story for ākongā Māori, who have achieved above parity in this programme. A career pathway in Seafood at Level 5 is important for Māori as owners of over 40% of Aotearoa's fisheries and 100% of customary fisheries.

NZQA Consistency Reviews

NZQA recently conducted consistency reviews of the following qualifications:

2378 NZ Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding – Assistant Coach) Level 3 was reviewed in May and consistency was confirmed. The reviewer was impressed with the quality of evidence presented. Recommendations included considering whether the extent of basic horse care and riding content is relevant for ākongā who already have a strong equine background.

2224 NZC in Apiculture (Level 4) was reviewed in April and consistency was confirmed. Again, Primary ITO's self-assessment processes were considered of high quality and NZQA had no recommendations for this qualification.



Moderation Update

Workplace Assessors in Rural Pest Operations were moderated in the first quarter of the year and showed excellent consistency in assessing to the national standard with all Assessors being found complaint.

Vehicles and Machinery and Equine Sector moderations were completed in Quarter 2 with a mix of moderation outcomes. Some common issues found were:

- Some learner answers were incorrect or had insufficient depth for the level being assessed.
- A lack of verifier/assessor comments to support competency.
- The Assessment tool was old or requires revision to capture all the required evidence.



Meat Processing and Apiculture moderations are currently underway. Horticulture moderations will commence shortly including Arboriculture, Sports Turf and Landscape with a Panel Moderation event being held at the end of August.

This is a friendly reminder that all Assessors are obligated to participate in moderation activities when requested, otherwise this may put their registration at risk. If you are unsure of what is required, please don't hesitate to call us and we will guide you through the process.

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!

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Ngā mihi nui

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