

Education Report: Revised draft Cabinet paper and draft consultation document for the Reform of Vocational Education

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Purpose

This note provides you with a draft consultation document and a revised draft Cabinet paper for the Reform of Vocational Education.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education and the Tertiary Education Commission recommend you:

- a. **provide feedback** on the enclosed draft consultation document as soon as possible
Provided
- b. **note** that we envision the attached draft consultation document to be the lead document in a suite of materials available to support the engagement on vocational education reform
Noted
- c. **note** that we consider a short consultation document (written for employers, industry, learners, iwi and the tertiary education sector as a whole) with supporting fact sheets for each subsector to be a better option than a more comprehensive and lengthy consultation document that covers off the more detailed interests each tertiary education organisation sub-sector will likely have
Noted
- d. **provide further feedback** on the enclosed revised draft Cabinet paper as soon as possible
Provided

- e. **note** that we are preparing a Regulatory Impact Analysis to accompany the Cabinet paper and we will share it with you before it is finalised and lodged with the Cabinet paper on 24 January

Noted

- f. **agree** that this Education Report will not be proactively released until you have agreed to vocational education reforms (and consultation on these) with your Cabinet colleagues.

Agree / Disagree



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Consultation document

1. Attached is a draft consultation document for the Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE). Please provide us with feedback on this document as soon as possible to enable us to revise it and send it back to you for further review and consultation with your Ministerial colleagues and coalition partners alongside the draft Cabinet paper.
2. You have indicated that you wish to take the Cabinet paper for RoVE to Cabinet's first meeting in 2019, on Tuesday 29 January. This consultation document will need to be included. This means that the Cabinet paper and consultation document will need to be lodged by Thursday 24 January.
3. We envision the attached draft consultation document to be the lead document in a suite of materials available to support the engagement on vocational education reform. It is currently written in your voice and sets out the opportunities that Government recognises in the pace of industry and global change, and the challenges that the current vocational education system has for meeting the needs of the future of work. It sets out the proposals and their benefits for industry, employers, learners and communities.
4. The document briefly explains the engagement to-date, particularly the consultation with institutes of technology and polytechnics (ITPs), indicating that Government is of a firm view that a single ITP will best meet the objective of achieving long-term financial stability and consistently high-quality provision for all of New Zealand.
5. Finally, the document asks for open feedback with several methods: online through the Education Conversation, via email, and via regional workshops.
6. We envision that the consultation document will be supported by fact sheets that provide detail for what the changes would mean for specific interest groups. The proposed list of fact sheets includes: industry training organisations (ITOs), employers/industry, ITPs, private training establishments (PTEs), wānanga, learners, Māori, Pacific People, ITP staff, and community groups.
7. The online presence for the reform will contain more information on the how RoVE fits into the broader change programme in New Zealand education, an explanation of the current vocational education system, and background on engagement since April 2018. We are also exploring the development of a few short videos that would help illustrate the current opportunities and challenges. We envision that these could contain sound bites from industry, futurists, employers and/or learners. If we are able to obtain these in the timeframe, they may also be useful for your launch presentation.
8. We will provide you with further advice about communications and engagement on 17 January. We will work with your office during our preparation of other consultation materials.

Revised draft Cabinet paper

9. Yesterday, we received feedback from your office on the draft Cabinet paper that we provided on Wednesday 9 January (METIS 1173675 refers). We have reflected all of your office's feedback in the attached revised draft.
10. You had previously indicated that you wished to include an "agree in principle" recommendation to Cabinet with regards to creating one ITP. We have revised this "agree in principle" recommendation to also include reforming the vocational education system. Please see recommendation 7 on page 17. Please let us know if you have any feedback on the drafting of this recommendation.

Regulatory Impact Assessment

11. In our report to you on 9 January (METIS 1173675 refers) we indicated that we did not expect that the consultation document will be able to meet Treasury's requirements for a temporary exemption from preparing a Regulatory Impact Analysis.
12. We have now confirmed that this is the case, particularly for the proposal to form one ITP. We are now preparing a Regulatory Impact Analysis to accompany the Cabinet paper. We will share this with you before it is finalised and lodged with the Cabinet paper on 24 January.

Release of this paper

13. We do not recommend releasing this paper until you have discussed a consultation approach with your Cabinet colleagues.

Annexes

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| Annex A | Draft consultation document |
| Annex B | Revised draft Cabinet paper |

Annex A: Draft consultation document

Annex B: Revised draft Cabinet paper
