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Message from the Executive Director



Dear Members

Welcome to the August PEPTalk. Once again this has been another very busy month for the private sector with many meetings and consultation groups to attend and a never ending stream of requests from members.

Leading the way has been the news that Future Focused Training Opportunities funding has been cut by 14% across all FFTO providers for 2012. There has been some disquiet about this and a number of smaller providers have openly stated that this will affect their viability. Some larger providers are also upset with the cuts and have been seeking answers from the Tertiary Education Commission on why the funding has been cut.

Peak Bodies are to meet with the TEC to see what can be worked out on this issue which took many by surprise as the cuts had not been signaled earlier .

The last of the NZAPEP Roadshows was held in Christchurch on 20 July and a good number of providers turned up to hear representatives of the agencies and to also met Kirsten May of the TEC for the first time. NZAPEP is grateful to the agencies for the time they give to these events and we are aware that all the delegates are also grateful for the updates on what is happening in the sector that affects them and their businesses.

NZAPEP Members are reminded that the Quality Commission Annual Meeting is to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 31 August and that this will be followed immediately after by the NZAPEP AGM. Do your bit and attend both meetings to ensure that your voice is heard and counted in the running and direction of your association.

The notice of elections for the 2010 NZAPEP Board has been sent to all members and nominations called for. Don't forget that if you want to have a say in the operation of your Association then either arrange for your own nomination or nominate someone to stand for election. While there are five vacancies this year and the retiring four members are eligible to stand again this should not stop anyone from seeking election.

There were a number of providers who sought an extension of time to complete the NZAPEP Awards nominations so the date has been extended to 5 pm on Friday 19 August. NZAPEP members only are eligible to be nominated and nominate for these awards, and all are encouraged to put in their nominations by the 19th as there will not be any further extensions of time. The awards will be presented at the Conference Dinner on Thursday 1 September. The awards available for 2011 are:

- **NZAPEP – Cengage Learning Student of the Year**
- **NZAPEP – Cengage Learning Tutor of the Year**
- **NZAPEP – Cengage Support Person of the Year**
- **NZAPEP – Cengage Learning Provider of the Year**
- **NZAPEP – L H Martin Leadership Award**
- **Margaret Yates Scholarship**
- **House of Montrose Lifetime Service Award**

Finally don't forget Conference. If you haven't already registered please do so as soon as possible for what is the only true private sector conference. The Conference programme is finalised and the last touches are being worked out before the Programme Book goes to print.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any information or direction, or to give your thoughts and ideas on the direction of the association.

I look forward to seeing you all at Conference

Best Regards



Chuck Wareham
Executive Director



NZAPEP Conference 2011

Conference 2011 is to be held at the Amora Hotel (formally the Duxton), 170 Wakefield St, Wellington on Thursday 1 September and Friday 2 September with an optional Workshop day to be held on Wednesday 31 August.

The programme is available on the NZAPEP Website. Click [here](#) for more information or cut and paste the following into your browser's address bar:

<http://nzapep.co.nz/programme.htm>

The cost of Registration for Conference 2011 is as follows:

	Members	Non Members
Early bird (before 15 July)	\$650.00	\$750.00
Standard	\$750.00	\$850.00.

Conference registration includes tickets for the annual awards dinner where the Student, Tutor, Support Person and Provider of the year are announced. In addition the recipients of the Margret Yates Scholarship, the L H Martin Leadership Award and the House of Montrose Life Time of Service Awards will be announced.

This year Conference 2011 will also be celebrating 20 years of NZAPEP so members are encouraged to attend and support their association.

Don't forget you can register by clicking [here](#) or copying the following into your browser address window - <http://bookings.nzapep.co.nz>

Conference Day Registrations and Workshop Only bookings are also available.

Make sure you register for your conference now!



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Youth Guarantee and Youth Training 2012 and Beyond

NZAPEP have been involved in the consultation for how Youth Guarantee and Youth Training will be combined into a single fund, effective from 2012 which will be a transition year, with full implementation in 2013.

A series of meetings, three so far, with more to follow, have worked through many of the issues, with many of the major issues and probable decisions detailed on the TEC website following the meetings. For more information click on the following links:

<http://www.tec.govt.nz/About-us/News/Updates/update-on-youth-guarantee-18-july/>

<http://www.tec.govt.nz/About-us/News/Updates/update-on-yg-for-2012/>

There are a range of issues still being worked through including:

How providers will operate where qualification approvals are not held. Most providers at level 3 and above are well covered but less so at levels 1 and 2. This is only a transition issue. NZQA, TEC and MoE are working through this issue with input from providers.

Performance. What outcome requirements will be required? The emphasis is largely on qualification completions, and at level 3, this is reasonable, but this emphasis is not seen as useful for students and courses at level 1 and below.

Discussions are on-going around EPI and Benchmarking.

LLN is seen as a very useful tool to demonstrate progress.

Investment plan development:

The initial funding allocations are expected in the next two weeks, with access to the investment tool after that, probably by re-release of the plan if required.

Youth Training and Youth Guarantee will have a level of separation in 2012 and current performance measures are likely. Performance will remain relevant.

The online investment tool will see funding allocated under NZQF levels 1-3 and under Trades or non-trades. The definition of Trades is not finalised yet.

A series of workshops to communicate the new system is planned, once decisions are finalised, for 2012.

If you have any questions or require more information please contact Karl Yates karl.yates@avonmore.ac.nz or Christine Clark christine@corpgroup.co.nz

Report on TEC Peak Bodies Meeting August 2011

New combined Youth Training and Youth Guarantee fund.

- 2012 will be treated as a transition year with full implementation in 2013.
- Most detail has already been released by TEC following advisory group meetings . This is on the TEC website.
- Detail around Performance and EPIs still under discussion.
- Detail on transport is still under discussion
- Eligibility 2012. Students must start their education while 17yrs of age. There is not access once they become 18.
- If students started in Youth Training or Youth Guarantee in 2011 they will be able to complete their course.
- The ERS system will be used together with SDR for all reporting requirements.
- There was discussion around approved Courses for new funding. There were no specific answers but there is recognition of the problem that might occur below level 3. Since 2012 is seen as a transition year further discussion is required.
- Initial funding allocation letters should be sent out by mid August for this fund.

Future of Peak Body Meetings

Currently TEC, and NZQA hold regular Peak Body Meetings and there are numerous specialist consultative meetings on specific areas of interest. With increasing consultation with MoE (now responsible for policy matters) and MSD it is proposed to streamline the meetings.

One proposal is to hold 3 meetings over 1 day. This would mean that TEC, NZQA and MoE meetings would be separate and that they would draw in other agency representatives as required.

While some Peak Body personnel will vary between meetings, the efficiency of time, flights etc will be a major advantage.

Most consultative group meetings will continue as normal but timing may be aligned where possible.

TEC restructure

TEC now has 184 staff and 35 vacancies and is ultimately working towards a ceiling of 200 staff. There are only 2 vacancies in the PTEs and Communities area.

Future Focused Training Opportunities

Separate focus meetings with TEC and MSD will continue but there will be fewer meetings than at present.

There was robust discussion on the 14% cut for most FFTO providers. Peak Bodies were unaware of this prior to notification. The reasons for the cut have been circulated and further discussion is planned. There was an apology from TEC for miscommunication about the cuts.

While some final adjustment to funding around travel may occur, the cuts are non negotiable for 2012, except in areas concerning business viability.

Future communication, business planning, and flexibility around future adjustments were all discussed.

EPI publication

There were fewer, but similar issues in data accuracy seen in 2010 data when compared to 2009 data.

Discussion took place around areas of overstatement of qualification completions due to distortions such as embedded qualifications and credit transfer. Trials are underway with 16 providers and a paper has gone to the TEC Board on the issue.

It is a cost benefit decision and the TLEC will resolve these issues from around 2013.

Publication of data will occur in August as it did last year.

TLEC

This is the new replacement reporting process post SDR.

This has now been approved by the TEC Board and the development team is being brought together.

Timelines are not fixed but a 2013 start for PTEs seems likely with some trials before that.

750 new SAC funded places for PTE's

These were approved in 2011 budget. Processes for applications now being developed around:

- Performance
- Quality
- Relevance

There are opportunities for new PTEs to apply and application swill be open. Core Trades in Christchurch are a priority but there are also other funds for this. Evidence is required of employment and further study. (Update on DOL labour market information due out in August). Individual applications will be received up to \$500,000 with applications due in August using the "online investment tool". Decisions are expected in October.

2012 Investment Plan

All providers should have their initial allocation by now and the Investment Plan tool went live 1 August 2011. Investment plan queries such as over delivery should be directed to the TEC Service Centre.

Several providers have received initial funding allocation letters of \$0 due to under-performance. Funding is performance linked and poor performing providers will loose funding in favour of new or high performing providers.

For members who read the Gazetted notices we need to clarify the reference to financial liability – there is no change to current compliance and the requirements from the 2010 process. Financial viability is demonstrated through NZQA.

ILN is not showing on the Investment Plan template yet but will be shortly.

Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards

The tertiary teaching excellence awards were presented to outstanding tertiary teachers at the annual dinner at Parliament on Wednesday 3 August.

The awards recognise and celebrate excellence in tertiary teaching and provide an opportunity for awardees to share with others the good practice that has proven to benefit their learners.

Winners included Peter Bilous and Professor Leoni Schmidt from Otago Polytechnic, Professor Kevin Gould of Victoria University of Wellington, Sandra Lee Morrison and Dr Mary Fitzpatrick from the University of Waikato, Associate Professor Jon Harding from the University of Canterbury, Rena Heap, Professor Robin Kearns and Dr Ross McDonald of the University of Auckland, Dr Ksenija Napan from Unitec, and Tony Zaharic from the University of Otago.

Professor Michael Walker from the University of Auckland was presented the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for tertiary teaching excellence by the Rt. Hon John Key, Prime Minister.

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards and to date there have been 132 award recipients.

Minister Launches Review of Industry Training

The Minister for Tertiary Education, Hon Seven Joyce announced the "Terms of Reference for a Review of Industry Training" at the recent Industry Training Federation's Annual Conference. The review follows public dissatisfaction by the Minister with the industry training sector and substantial cuts in funding.

The review will examine how industry training has developed in New Zealand, international approaches to vocational education and training, the purpose of industry training, and the respective roles of Government, employers and employees in achieving the purpose. It will also look at the strengths and weaknesses of different elements of industry training, and the role of industry training within the wider vocational education and training system, including the Youth Guarantee provision.

Mr Joyce also said that the Government's push for more accountability in industry training is starting to pay off and the number of credits awarded by Industry Training Organisations has increased by 14 percent between 2008 and 2010.

Mr Joyce attributed the increased success to Government moves to focus more on results than raw numbers enrolled in industry training.

Spirit of Adventure

The Spirit of Adventure is a youth program that is based on a 45 metre ship the Trust has been operating since 1974, and have now had over 75,000 youth on-board.



The focus of the program is team work, independence, leadership and self confidence. The Spirit of Adventure operates all year around however, during the winter months they run out of Auckland and the ship sails around the Hauraki Gulf where it finds shelter around the islands where students can take part in a range of activities such as rafting, sailing, tramping and learning about the marine environment.

The voyage has an age restriction of 15 – 18 years and all students come from different schools and organisations so they don't know each other. There are 40 berths (spaces) available on each voyage and there is an equal split of boys and girls. Completing the voyage qualifies Duke of Edinburgh candidates for the Gold Award Residential Project. At the end of the voyage each trainee is presented with a Spirit Certificate; these are highly regarded by potential employers and they serve as confirmation of sea time for those who wish to gain further nautical qualifications.

The cost of the program is \$1800; however, the Trust does have grants and subsidies available for students to apply for. Students are urged to try and source their own funding first, and a list of organisations and ideas on how to raise funds is provided but as a last resort students may apply to the Trust. The Trust wants students on-board that are proactive as they have found in a lot of cases when they fully fund trips that the participants don't have "buy in" onto the program and often don't turn up for the voyage. They want students that want to be there and not who have been sent; the Trust is not an organisation that turns kids around. It provides an opportunity and an experience for students to learn about themselves and push their boundaries. The Trust will do its utmost to get students who want to go on-board and will seek funding from where it can for them.



The programme was initially only available to youth that were enrolled at school but the Trust found that a lot of youth disengaged with school and have found success at alternative training centres and unfortunately miss out on these types of opportunities. The Trust is now trying to reach everyone to let them know about the programme.

This is a great program and it is available to all NZ youth not just those at School.



If more information is required please contact Kylie Sisley at kylies@spiritofadventure.org.nz or check the website www.spiritofadventure.org.nz.

NZAPEP Board News

The NZAPEP Board last met on 22 June in Wellington. Among the items considered were the NZAPEP Rules, the Quality Commission Rules, the NZAPEP Board Elections, Membership Applications and representation on various committees, groups and other forums.

The Board also considered issues surrounding conference and invitations for the Networking and Nibbles Function on the Wednesday evening 31 August.

The next meeting of the Board will be a teleconference on Wednesday 17 August. This meeting will focus on the forthcoming conference and any last minute preparation or issues that need resolving. At the same time the Board expect to "sign off" items for the AGM and also to consider the topic of NZAPEP interest groups.

It is expected that this meeting will be relatively short as the next meeting of the Board will be at Conference where briefings will take place. Following Conference the next Board meeting will be in October and it is expected that due to the high cost of travel arising from the Rugby World Cup which will still be on progress that meeting will also be a teleconference.

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NZAPEP reserves the right to not print, or to abridge any letter. However comments and opinions are always welcome, as is news about NZAPEP members.

If any members have articles or new they wish to be included in PEPTalk please contact Chuck Wareham. We are always pleased to acknowledge "good news" about members as long as space permits.

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Luella Bartlett	Export Education Sector/Immigration New Zealand Forum Immigration and Education Operational Engagement Meeting
Christine Clark	Ako Aotearoa Priority Learners Expert Advisory Working Group TEC Youth Guarantee Advisory Group MoE Vocational Pathways Group TEC Peak Bodies TEC/MSD National TOPS Reference Group TEC ESOL Advisory Group
John Diggins	NZQA PTE Forum
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John Fiso	NZQA PTE Forum TEC Peak Bodies
Keith Heathcote	AKO Aotearoa Website Steering Committee
Margie Sorensen	NZQA PTE Forum
Terry Swanson	NZQA National Advisory Committee for Business Studies
Karl Yates	TEC Peak Bodies Youth Transition/Youth Guarantee Transition Advisory Group NZQA PTE Forum

There are also other committees and sub-groups that members are involved with as part of their portfolio responsibilities

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Correspondence to Members

- 15 June 2011 - Association of Tertiary Education Management Events
- 15 July 2011 - Evidence on Training Opportunities and Related Training Programmes - Ministry of Social Development
- 16 July 2011 - Changes to the Workplace Literacy 2011 Reporting template
- 19 July 2011 - Changes to the TEC Website - July Plan Update, Youth Guarantee and Youth Training and Revised Performance Information
- 22 July 2011 - The NZAPEP Sector Awards - Reminder
- 22 July 2011 - NZQA Review Summaries - June 2011
- 22 July 2011 - NZAPEP Meeting with Government Agencies – Information Required
- 22 July 2011 - Notes from the Meeting with TEC on the Information Publication of Educational Performance
- 25 July 2011 - Foundation Focussed Training Opportunities
- 26 July 2011 - PTE Forum 10 August – Call for Agenda Items
- 26 July 2011 - Foundation Focused Training Opportunities – Information Required
- 26 July 2011 - Investment Plan/Funding Allocation Letter
- 26 July 2011 - Education NZ E-News 26 July 2011
- 27 July 2011 - Using the Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool
- 28 July 2011—NZAPEP Conference - Political Panel
- 28 July 2011 - Fully Focused Training Opportunities - Funding Issues 2012
- 30 July 2011 - ESOL for 2012 and SDR Submission Deadlines
- 31 July 2011 - NZAPEP - Formal Notice of AGM
- 31 July 2011 - Quality Commission - Formal Notice of Annual Meeting
- 1 August 2011 - Urgent Information for FFTO Providers
- 1 August 2011 - MTEM and GCQA 2012 Programmes at the LH Martin Institute
- 2 August 2011 - NZQA Incentives and Sanctions Following External Evaluation and Review
- 3 August 2011 - System Changes for Youth Guarantee 2012
- 3 August 2011 - NZQA Consultation on Quality Assurance Requirements for Offshore Education
- 3 August 2011 - Exclusive TelstraClear Offer for NZAPEP Members
- 3 August 2011 - Future Focussed Training Opportunities Funding – Update of Meeting Notes
- 4 August 2011 - Plan Submission & ITO Update