

Summary of substantive changes to NZQA Rules

List of amended Rules:

- Quality Assurance (including External Evaluation and Review (EER)) Rules 2016
- NZQF Qualification Listing and Operational Rules 2016
- NZQF Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2013, including Rule 18
- Private Training Establishment Registration Rules 2013
- Training Scheme Rules 2012
- NZQF Industry Training Programme Approval Rules 2012
- Consent to Assess against Standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards Rules 2011
- Directory of Assessment Standards Listing and Operational Rules 2011
- Student Fee Protection Rules 2013

Quality Assurance (including External Evaluation and Review (EER)) Rules 2016

- NZQA can change the scope of an EER before, during or after an EER visit, if necessary, where concerns are identified in an area not part of the original scope.
- The reconsideration fee will only be waived in cases where the process results in a change to one or both of the statements of confidence.
- The restrictions on applications for statutory permissions by Category 3 and 4 institutions have been extended to apply to Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) as well.
- All institutions and ITOs will have to submit an annual statutory declaration to attest to their compliance with the Education Act 1989 and NZQA Rules.
- Prohibit Category 4 institutions from enrolling new students.
- Other minor amendments.

NZQF Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2013

- Rules concerning Te Hono o Te Kahurangi quality assurance have been expanded to include programmes at Levels 7 to 10 on the NZQF.
- Applications for programme approval will need to include evidence of consultation with the qualification developer, as a key stakeholder.
- Level 7 Diploma programmes will be subject to the requirements to maintain accreditation set out in Rule 12.2.
- When notifying NZQA of a sub-contracting arrangement between two accredited parties, the information set out in Rule 17.1 must be provided.
- The holder of a sub-contracting approval has an ongoing responsibility to ensure that the sub-contracting is conducted in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17.4.
- Sub-contracting approval may be withdrawn.
- Other minor amendments.

NZQF Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2013, Rule 18

- Category 1 institutions wishing to offer internal English language proficiency testing must seek NZQA approval first.

- Institutions enrolling students from countries with high student visa decline rates must ensure that the students have a valid internationally recognised test, showing a result that meets the requirements for the level of the programme of study.
- A student from a high risk country can also be enrolled on the basis of a completed Bachelor degree or higher qualification, at an institution from a specified list of countries.
- NZQA approval of internal English language proficiency test approval can lapse or be withdrawn.
- Institutions must retain evidence of English language proficiency, including internal testing materials, for each international student for a period of two years from the date of enrolment.

NZQF Qualification Listing and Operational Rules 2016

- Rules concerning Te Hono o Te Kahurangi quality assurance have been expanded to include qualifications at Levels 7 to 10 on the NZQF.
- The contact details and legal status of the qualification developer no longer need to be included in the qualification listing.
- Clarification is added in Rule 5.3(c) to specify that “standards” in the given context refers to standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards.
- NZQA may release qualification developers from the requirement to apply for approval to develop a qualification, where there is good reason to do so.

Training Scheme Rules 2012

- Enable Te Hono o Te Kahurangi quality assurance for the evaluation of training scheme approval applications.
- Holders of training scheme approval will need to have an adequate process for the ongoing review of training schemes and for monitoring the outcomes for trainees and stakeholders.
- When notifying NZQA of a sub-contracting arrangement between two parties that hold the same training scheme approval, the information set out in Rule 12.2 must be provided.
- The holder of a sub-contracting approval has an ongoing responsibility to ensure that the sub-contracting is conducted in accordance with the requirements of Rule 12.5.
- Minimum English language requirements for international students enrolling in training schemes at Levels 3 and higher have been introduced. These will not apply to training schemes organised or required by a trainee’s employer.

Private Training Establishment Registration Rules 2013

- Enable Te Hono o Te Kahurangi quality assurance for the evaluation of registration applications.
- Clarification provided regarding the expectations for self-assessment and improvement plans in Rule 5.1.9.

NZQF Industry Training Programme Approval Rules 2012

- Application for industry training programme approval will need to specify the how the ITO will monitor and assure the consistency of qualification achievement by students.

- ITOs must participate and cooperate in the process of assuring consistency.
- ITOs must provide sufficient evidence to effectively demonstrate the consistency of graduate outcomes when required to, for areas in which they report graduate achievement.

Directory of Assessment Standards Listing and Operational Rules 2011

- Enable Te Hono o Te Kahurangi quality assurance for the listing of standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards.

Consent to Assess against Standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards Rules 2011

- Enable Te Hono o Te Kahurangi quality assurance for the evaluation of consent to assess applications.
- When notifying NZQA of a sub-contracting arrangement between two consent to assess holders, the information set out in Rule 8.1 must be provided.
- The holder of a sub-contracting approval has an ongoing responsibility to ensure that the sub-contracting is conducted in accordance with the requirements of Rule 8.3.

Student Fee Protection Rules 2013

- The removal of Code signatory status is considered a “Course closure event” for the purposes of Rule 3.1.