

# NZQA

New Zealand Qualifications Authority  
Mana Tohu Matauranga O Aotearoa

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## The education sector in New Zealand

There are six education agencies directly involved in the management of New Zealand education sector. They are:

- the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)
- the [Ministry of Education](#)
- the [Tertiary Education Commission](#)
- the [Education Council](#)
- the [Education Review Office](#)
- [Careers New Zealand](#).

These agencies work towards the Government's educational priorities, individually and collectively.

## Cross-agency programmes

NZQA works closely with other education sector agencies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration New Zealand and the Ministry of Social Development on various initiatives. These include:

- the Education Sector Chief Executives' Group, which provides strategic direction across the education agencies.
- developing funding incentives with the Tertiary Education Commission to support higher-performing tertiary education organisations.
- joint work programmes with the Ministry of Education on course endorsement and the standards review.
- collaborative projects and information sharing with Immigration New Zealand to assess of overseas qualifications.
- supporting the delivery of the Ministry of Education's Ka Hikitia Māori Education Strategy 2007-2012 through the implementation of Te Rautaki Māori (our Māori Strategy 2007-2012).
- supporting the delivery of the Ministry of Education's Pasifika Education Plan 2008-2012 through the implementation of our Pasifika Strategy 2009-2012.
- working closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to progress free trade agreement negotiations.