Assessment and moderation of standards

Assessment of standards
Unit standards specify what a candidate for assessment needs to know, do, and understand. Whether it is by task or evidence, assessment can use a variety of methods and approaches (appropriate to the candidate and the context) that give the candidate the opportunity to show competence.

- Assessment of standards

Moderation Online
NZQA national external moderation is carried out online.

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMRs)
Each unit standard and achievement standard listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) has an associated Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) document, which outlines the specific requirements for consent to assess against standards and national external moderation.

- Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMRs)

National external moderation for Tertiary Education Organisations
Tertiary Education Organisations (TEOs) must be accredited by NZQA before they can offer programmes of education and training. TEOs assessing learners against unit or achievement standards must carry out internal moderation and engage with the national external moderation that applies.

- National External Moderation for Tertiary Education Organisations

Managing national assessment in schools
The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) works in partnership with schools to assist in achieving valid, fair, accurate and consistent internal assessment.

- Managing national assessment

Preventing and detecting academic fraud
The most effective practices for preventing and detecting academic fraud lie in the form and management of assessment.

- Effective practice for preventing and detecting academic fraud
Moderation of industry unit standards

Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) manage the national external moderation of industry standards. NZQA requires ITOs to report annually on the management of their national external moderation systems. This is to meet NZQA's statutory obligation to monitor moderation of unit standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS). See a list of ITOs and their industry coverage.

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