

## **Guidance for providers about enrolling students from EIA**

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This information has been prepared for tertiary education organisations who are considering offering a place to students from Excellent Education Limited trading as Excellent International Academy (EIA) who were enrolled on the New Zealand Diploma in Business (Leadership and Management) (Level 5) and the New Zealand Diploma in Business (Leadership and Management) (Level 6).

### **Cancellation of registration**

EIA's registration as a private training establishment has been cancelled, so it can no longer provide the programmes that it was delivering.

Students who were enrolled on the New Zealand Diploma in Business (Leadership and Management) (Level 5 and 6) at EIA can no longer continue their studies with EIA.

Any provider considering offering a place to a student transitioning from EIA should ensure (as always) that they support the student to make well-informed enrolment decisions that are appropriate for the student's expectations, English language proficiency, and academic capability.

### **Students' English proficiency**

Some EIA students have a valid international English proficiency test result. However, in other cases, EIA enrolled students without having ensured that they met the minimum English proficiency requirements.

Any provider offering a place to a student transitioning from EIA must take care to obtain valid and robust evidence that the student has the necessary English proficiency for the programme they are seeking to enrol in, and be prepared to provide evidence of this to NZQA on request.

### **Students' achievement at EIA**

There were serious issues identified with EIA's assessment practices in the New Zealand Diploma in Business (Leadership and Management) (Level 5 and 6). Many of the assessments EIA marked as a 'pass' should not have been passed.

As a result, the students who were enrolled at EIA at the time of the closure cannot automatically be awarded credit towards a qualification based on credit they gained while they were enrolled at EIA.

Assuming that a thorough pre-enrolment process has been carried out, there is nothing to prevent a provider from agreeing to conduct a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment to determine whether a student has valid and authentic evidence of meeting particular learning outcomes.

Providers must ensure that any such RPL assessment is robust and well documented, and be prepared to provide evidence of this to NZQA on request.

Alternatively, providers may determine that it is more appropriate to enrol students at the beginning of a programme.

**Fee considerations**

New Zealand Diploma in Business (Leadership and Management) (Level 5 and 6) students affected by the EIA closure are receiving a full refund of fees paid to EIA. All usual legislative requirements apply to providers offering a place to EIA students.

**Visa considerations**

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) is aware of the circumstances of the EIA closure. Providers can direct any enquiries about visas to INZ.

**Who to contact with queries:**

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