Guidance for providers about enrolling students from Regent

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This information has been prepared for tertiary education organisations (TEOs) who are considering offering a place to students transitioning from Regent Education Group Limited (Regent) who were enrolled on the:

- Diploma in Business (Advanced) (Level 7)
- Diploma in Information Communication Technology (Level 7)
- New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5)
- New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 6).

Cancellation of registration

Regent’s registration as a private training establishment (PTE) has been cancelled effective from 12 October 2018, this means it can no longer provide the programmes that it was delivering.

Any provider considering offering a place to a student transitioning from Regent should always ensure 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

Any provider offering a place to a student transitioning from Regent 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.

If a student presented an internationally recognised English proficiency outcome that was valid at the time of their enrolment at Regent, but which has since expired, this can be accepted as current evidence. For example, if a student’s IELTS test result expired two months ago but it was valid when they received their offer from Regent. However, if a provider is in any doubt about the student’s English proficiency, they should seek additional evidence.

Students’ achievement at Regent

Students on the above programmes have been advised that issues with Regent’s assessment practice mean that it is unlikely that they will be able to transfer their credits to another provider, and that they will probably need to start a new programme of study.

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, 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**

Students on the above four programmes are receiving a full refund of fees paid to Regent. All usual legislative requirements apply to providers offering a place to Regent students.

**Other programmes**

Regent also had students studying the below programmes at the time of its closure. The students enrolled on these programmes are able to keep the credits/unit standards (if applicable) that they attained during their studies:

- General Academic English
- National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4)
- Diploma in Horticulture (Level 5)
- New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support (Level 5)

NZQA does recommend that providers take appropriate steps to confirm individual students’ academic capability and progress prior to offering enrolment and determining where to place them in a continuing programme of study.

**Visa considerations**

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

**Who to contact with queries:**

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