

Business Qualifications National Consistency Requirements**Proposal for stakeholder feedback October 2013**

All Tertiary Education Organisations (TEOs) (either arranging training or delivering programmes that lead to the award of the qualification) are required to participate in an annual consistency event with the qualification developer. The purpose of this event will be to confirm consistency of qualification outcome achievement by the TEO's graduates.

The qualification developer will appoint an external reviewer(s) to manage the process, review consistency event outcomes, and prepare a report which will be distributed to the TEOs and other relevant stakeholders. The report will highlight any significant inconsistency in achievement of outcomes. The reviewer(s) must be able to operate across a range of contexts, including Maori, Pacific Island, providers, and businesses, organisations, and other entities.

The annual consistency events will involve:

- peer reviewing evidence associated with graduates' achievement of outcomes
- establishing a periodic cycle for a review focus for the external consistency review, which may include a thematic focus, eg core skills one year, technical the next, soft skills, whole qualification
- agreeing acceptable standards and/or benchmarks for qualification outcome achievement, and areas for improvement
- identifying issues and/or improvement opportunities associated with outcome achievement.

The qualification developer considers that programme owners should be responsible for determining how to evidence the consistency of their graduates against the requirements of the graduate profile outcomes.

However standard evidence for all programme providers will include:

- a portfolio of student work relating to the qualification and the annual focus requirements of the consistency event
- graduate and/or stakeholder/end-user feedback on outcome achievement
- TEO moderation outcomes which may include moderation/benchmarking across common programmes
- relevant External Evaluation and Review (EER) data.

TEOs are required to meet the costs associated with participation including time and any travel. It is anticipated that consistency events may be held regionally. Where TEOs are operating a common programme, attendance of representatives may be negotiated provided that the external reviewer is confident that the representatives speak on behalf of and have the confidence of the group.