

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANNUAL INDUSTRY STATEMENT 2011



This statement provides a summary of ETITO's key activities for the telecommunications sector in 2011. ETITO's activities are reviewed annually to ensure that we continue to be responsive to sector needs, foster high levels of training achievement, and provide the support services needed by telecommunications sector employers to achieve success. Our activities may need to be adapted during the year to take into account emerging priorities and the operational environment.

Developing skill standards and qualifications

ETITO will continue to update existing unit standards to reflect the ongoing shift to fibre networks and any other emerging industry or government priorities.

ETITO will review the National Certificate in Telecommunications [Level 3] and include ESITO and its industries in this process. We will be looking to incorporate components of the existing Level 2 telecommunications qualification into the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering [Level 2]. This may mean a possible exit of the current Level 2 telecommunications qualification.

Delivering industry training to support achievement

Following the review of any telecommunications national qualifications, ETITO will ensure that end-to-end training solutions are made available to industry as soon as possible.

ETITO will assist with the reintroduction of cadetships in line with the newly revised New Zealand Diploma in Engineering Practised. ETITO will develop a specific training package and build assessor capacity.

ETITO will support training providers to tailor training programmes to meet the changing environment. This includes keeping abreast of technology developments and demands, and new approaches in communication.

ETITO will facilitate collaborative approaches to training development by training providers and engage with them to ensure a national approach.

ETITO will visit selected training providers to help ensure consistent quality moderation and assessment practice nationally.

ETITO will assess trainee literacy levels using the national Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool to identify areas for improvement and assist with plans to achieve this.

ETITO will promote the National Certificate in First Line Management [Level 3 and 4] as a linked qualification for the telecommunications sector, offering further skills.

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Providing leadership on skills and training needs

ETITO will invest in research that identifies strategic training priorities for the telecommunications industry. ETITO's research will consider the future labour market, re-skilling of older workers and new migrants, and regulatory imperatives. It will take into account international trends, new technologies, the requirements of major telecommunications companies and government broadband initiatives.

ETITO will work to further understand and support the industry's training requirements associated with the rollout of New Zealand's ultra-fast broadband network.

ETITO will communicate regularly with employers and providers to share knowledge, gain industry intelligence, and work together to build the capability of workplace assessors.

ETITO will work to strengthen relationships with industry partners including through participation at key industry events.

ETITO will support careers-based events and identify opportunities for industry members to be involved.

ETITO will continue to support the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs industry graduations to celebrate trainee success.