



## Briefing Note: Release of Literacy and Numeracy and Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau Corequisite Pilot Results

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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- **Note** that we are still to receive the draft evaluation report from the first pilot assessment event, due on 7 October, which will provide to you in the week of 10 October.
- **Agree** that we will delay the release of the assessment results until the week of 17 October so that the release can be supported by appropriate information from the ongoing evaluation work.

☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**

- **Note** that we will provide you with further advice on the assessment and options to support implementation of the NCEA corequisite.
- **Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released following the results release in October.

☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**

## Summary

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In 2022 we are undertaking a wider pilot for the draft NCEA literacy, numeracy, te reo matatini and pāngarau standards and assessment. This pilot includes two assessment events: the first assessment event was 27 June – 1 July for New Zealand and 11 – 15 July for Realm Countries. The second assessment event was held from 19 – 23 September.

On 29 August individual schools, kura and tertiary providers and their ākonga received their results for the first assessment. We provided you with advice (METIS 1294694 refers) that we intend to proactively release the full cohort data. The planned release for late September was also communicated via media responses, and to your Professional Advisory Group.

We still have further analysis work to do, particularly around the specific assessment used for the first event and the themes emerging from the pilot. It would be valuable to complete this work ahead of the public release, so we are now preparing to release the report in the week of 17 October, which is the first week of school term 4. We will amend our communications approach accordingly.



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## Background

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1. On 29 August schools, kura and tertiary providers received their results for their own cohort. We supported this release of results with an email from NZQA and the Ministry that provided information on how to access the results. We received feedback from a small number of schools and kura in relation to the release of results and about the assessment. NZQA reported some positive feedback on the assessment experience but concerns and queries were also raised by schools. There was significant media attention, mostly focused on the low achievement rates schools were reporting.
2. The Ministry and NZQA are working on a thorough evaluation of the pilot that takes into account quantitative information, psychometric data, and feedback from pilot participants (teachers and students). The Evaluation report is currently being compiled..
3. We were planning to release the overall results from the first assessment event on 27 September as an update and have developed a draft proactive communications plan alongside this, including briefing key sector groups and leaders. However we want to receive the evaluation report and do some further analytical work on the assessment so that the release of the data is properly supported with the information people will want to know. We are delaying the release until the week of 17 October (the first week of school term 4).
4. We are also developing advice on options to support implementation, particularly around how the transition arrangements could be adapted. We expect to provide you this advice in the coming weeks. The outcomes of this advice will also allow us to provide further context to the sector.

## Public release and communications

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5. If you agree we will publicly release the full results in the week of 17 October. Ahead of the release we will update the draft communications plan accordingly and share with your Offices, along with the draft pilot evaluation report once available.
6. A holding statement is being prepared in case we receive queries about the release and we will also let your NCEA Professional Advisory Group know about the delay.

## Proactive Release

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7. We recommend that this Briefing is released in full once the pilot results are released in October.