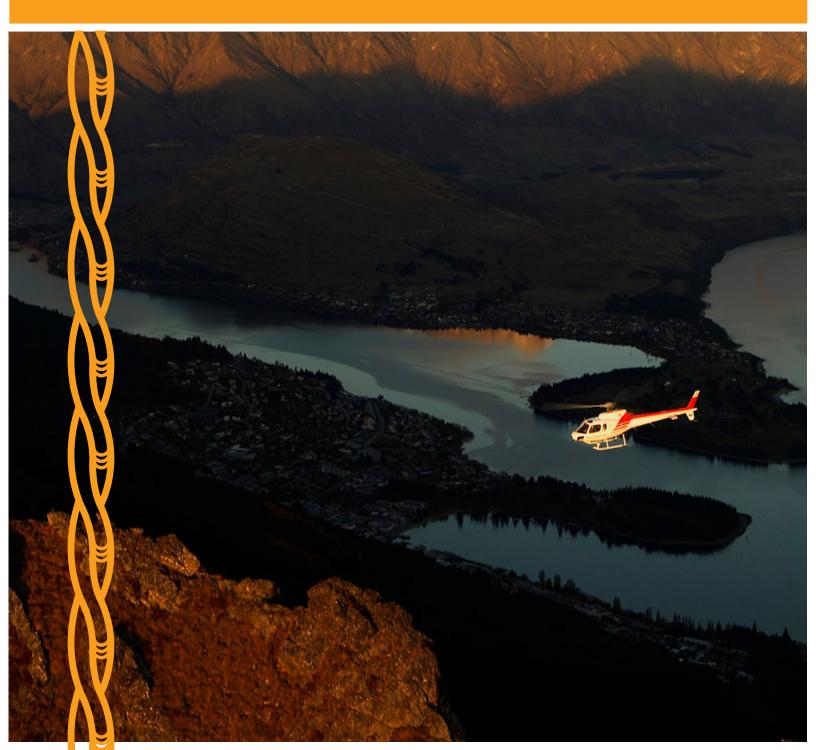


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Foreword | Kupu Whakataki

As we enter our final year of operation, we are proud to present Ringa Hora's 2025 Operational Plan — a shortened and focused roadmap that reflects both the uncertainty and the opportunity of this period of transition that sees us through now to December 2025 only.

The vocational education and training system in Aotearoa is once again evolving. While the proposed disestablishment of Workforce Development Councils marks a significant structural shift, our commitment remains firm: to deliver value, maintain quality, and uphold our obligations to industry, learners, and our Te Tiriti o Waitangi partners right through to our disestablishment at the end of this year.

We will honour our mahi to date and complete this final phase with integrity, focus, and care. This plan outlines the essential work we will deliver, how we will support a smooth and informed transition, and the way we will protect and uplift the mātauranga and relationships that have been built over the past years.

Throughout this journey, we have been guided by our uara — manaakitanga, tika, pono, aroha, mārama. These values remain at the heart of everything we do, especially as we prepare to hand over our legacy.

To our kaimahi — thank you for your dedication, resilience, and heart. To our Council — thank you for your unwavering support and strategic guidance. And to our industry partners — thank you for your trust, your insights, and your commitment to skills and capability across the service sector.

He mihi maioha tēnei ki a koutou katoa. Nō mātou te whiwhi. Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga tonutanga o te hunga mahi o te motu.

We extend our sincere thanks for your contribution to this journey — where there is an end there is also another beginning.

Overview | Tirohanga Whānui

Acknowledging the Current State

The vocational education and training (VET) system in Aotearoa New Zealand is in a period of significant transition. As we approach the changes set for January 2026, we acknowledge that this evolving landscape may raise questions and concerns for many stakeholders, including industry partners, employers, providers, and learners.

At Ringa Hora, we are committed to the ongoing support of industries and ensuring that the VET system continues to deliver to support industry. Our direction remains steady, and we will continue to execute our workplan and fulfil our commitments through to 31 December 2025.

Ringa Hora's Approach to Transition

This amended operational plan outlines key changes from our 2024–2026 plan, made in response to the current transitional environment. The updates ensure our work remains aligned with industry, learner, and stakeholder needs during this period of change.

Ringa Hora's approach to transition is proactive, transparent, and industry centred.

We are focused on:

- A seamless transition: Delivering a seamless transition from the perspective of our industries and key partners.
- High impact delivery: Continuing to have a high impact for industry and to deliver our functions to a high standard.
- Preservation of mahi and lessons learned: Preserving the mahi we have completed at Ringa Hora, as well as any lessons we've learned and ensure it's able to be handed over to a new entity or organisation (s) to continue where possible.

Our Commitment to Industry and the key groups we serve

Ringa Hora will remain operational in its current form until 31 December 2025. During this period, we will continue to uphold our responsibilities under the current legislative framework.

Our commitment includes:

- Qualifications and Standard Setting: We will continue to lead the review, development, and maintenance of qualifications, unit standards, and microcredentials. We will also support providers in implementing these qualifications effectively.
- Moderation and Programme Endorsement: We remain committed to overseeing national external moderation and programme endorsement processes to ensure consistency, quality, and relevance across vocational education.
- Support for Transition Conversations: We will support our industries in understanding the upcoming changes, including holding briefings, consultation sessions, and weaved through our existing engagements with industry as appropriate.
- Maintaining Data and Evidence: We will continue our role in collecting and interpreting workforce and training data, helping industry and government make informed decisions.
- Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Our commitment to Te Ao Māori and equitable
 outcomes remains a central pillar of our mahi. We will continue to prioritise Māori
 voice and partnership throughout this next phase of change.
- Working with Pacific Peoples, Tāngata Whaikaha We are committed to meaningful engagement and partnership with Pacific Peoples and Tāngata Whaikaha, ensuring our work supports their success and aspirations.
- Continuing Support for Industry: We will continue to partner with industry
 representatives to address skills and workforce-related issues. This includes
 maintaining strong relationships, engaging in ongoing dialogue, and ensuring that
 vocational education remains aligned with current and future industry needs.

Our people, systems, and relationships will remain in place over the next 6 months as we move together through this period of change.

Our work programme as we transition towards disestablishment - Tō mātou hōtaka mahi i te ekenga atu ki te whakakorenga

The following tables provide an overview of Ringa Hora's strategic direction as we move toward 31 December 2025.

Table One outlines the key activities we intend to complete by 31 December, using our 2024-2026 work programme as a basis. Activities from the 2024-2026 work programme that were completed earlier in 2025 have not been included, as the focus of this table is on work still in progress or planned for completion within the remaining timeframe. These tables also exclude the business-as-usual work we carry out, such as internal reporting, which will proceed as planned this year.

In contrast, Table Two outlines the activities we have chosen not to pursue at this time, along with the rationale for these decisions. Any activities originally scheduled to commence in 2026 have been automatically discontinued. Our focus is on delivering what is achievable and meaningful within our remaining timeframe.

For more detailed information please refer to Appendix One: Ringa Hora Work Programme 2025.

Table One: Intended Deliverables by 31 December 2025

Activity	Plan for Operating Period
Deliver actions resulting from the	Continue implementing agreed actions, prioritising
Māori, Hapū and lwi Industry	those that can be completed within 2025, and
Engagement Hui (Tuia 2024	preparing any remaining work for transition to the new
	entity(s).
New Transformation Qualification	We will not initiate any new transformational
Development 2025	qualifications during this period. Instead, we will focus
	on progressing and completing existing projects,
	including the reset of Level 1 and 2 school
	qualifications and the transition to FoSS, ensuring
	foundational skills (literacy and numeracy) are
	appropriately integrated.
2025 Annual Report	Continues as is an operational requirement.

TEC Investment Advice 2027	Continues as per TEC requirements.
2025 NZQA self-assessment report	Continues as per NZQA requirements.
TEC progress report two 24/25	This will instead be replaced by a single short
	progress report about Ringa Hora's Progress against
	function measures on 30 November 2025.
Māori, Hapū and lwi Industry	Deliver a scaled-down Tuia 2025 through two smaller,
Engagement Hui 2025 (Tuia 2025)	targeted regional events, focused on maintaining
	continuity and preparing the handover of key
	relationships and insights to the new entity where
	appropriate.
Te Manu Arataki Leadership Project	In Progress – On Track – will be complete before
	disestablishment.
Complete the "Shaping the Future	In Progress – On Track – will be complete before
of Service Skills" Project	disestablishment.
(Waihangatia te Āmua Ao) project	
Establish Ringa Awhi projects with	In Progress – On Track – will be complete before
Industry	disestablishment.
Deliver Actions outlined in 2024	In Progress – On Track – will be complete before
Workforce Development Plan	disestablishment.

Table Two: Discontinued Activities

Activity	Why we aren't undertaking
National Services Sector	Planning and delivery of this event would extend beyond
Summit 2025	Ringa Hora's operational timeframe.
	With the upcoming disestablishment, our capacity to host a
	national event of this scale is limited and no longer aligned
	with immediate priorities.
Māori and Pacific Industry	While highly valuable, these huis/Fono require significant
Specific Hui 2025	planning, engagement, and follow-up that cannot be
	completed before December 2025.

	Future commitment on these issues is expected to be
	picked up by new entity and delivered for the target
	audience through existing priorities.
Pacific Industry Hui 2025	This hui requires significant lead time and ongoing
	support, which we are unable to provide within the
	remaining operational period. Hosting the event shortly
	before disestablishment would limit its impact and hinder
	continuity.
	We're prioritising the launch of the Pacific Aviation &
	Airport Services Network by December, with Kele'a
	socialisation starting June 2025 through regional industry
	events. MMPOF implementation is also underway,
	including Pacific capability training and engagement.
2025 Workforce Development	We will not be developing a new 2025 Workforce
Plan	Development Plan this year. Instead, we will make
	targeted updates and stocktake on progress to the existing
	2024 Plan as needed.
	This approach enables us to build on the strong foundation
	already in place while allowing us to focus resources on
	other key activities and priorities
New Transformation	Given the required timeframe, we do not have the capacity
Qualification Development	to deliver this before the due date.
2025 - degree level	
apprenticeships across	
Business Management	
Tāngata Whaikaha Action Plan	Due to capacity issues, we have not advanced this and
	taken a different approach based on research already
	undertaken by other Ohu in the DEI - Tāngata Whaikaha
	area.

	We will be working with our industries and businesses to
	highlight existing best practices in attracting, retaining and
	growing Tāngata Whaikaha workforce.
	In collaboration with our NZDEN partnership, we have also
	conducted a series of industry-focused webinars aimed at
	providing support and information to help grow the pipeline
	for promoting an inclusive workforce.
Enhancing Formal Qualification	Given the required timeframe, we do not have the capacity
Adoption in the Services sector	to deliver this before the due date.
- Research Project	
Qualification and Skills	Given the required timeframe, we do not have the capacity
Pipeline Initiative	to deliver this before the due date.

Transition and disestablishment planning

A full transition/disestablishment plan will be finalised once there is clear confirmation of the system's future form, functions, and funding. Until those decisions are made, some uncertainty remains. As an interim step, we have developed a high-level plan that outlines how key activities will phase down as we approach transition/disestablishment.

Developing and setting standards, capstone assessments and qualifications, Endorsing programmes and moderating assessments

Ringa Hora will continue to engage with industry to respond to emerging needs where appropriate. Where it is practical and reasonable to do so, support will be provided outside the scope of the current plan to ensure industry needs are addressed in a timely and effective manner.

Moderation and programme endorsement activities

We currently anticipate maintaining our moderation activities at existing business-asusual levels throughout the funding period. However, this may need to be revised based on changes to staffing capacity. In the event of staff departures or a reallocation of resources, we will reassess our ability to sustain current moderation volumes and may be required to pause or reduce certain activities accordingly.

We are currently assessing the appropriate cutoff date for accepting programme endorsement submissions, considering potential reductions in capacity within Ringa Hora. Any decrease in available resources may affect our ability to process endorsements in a timely manner. As such, we are considering implementing a clear deadline to ensure all endorsements can be reviewed and finalised within existing capacity constraints.

Qualifications and standard setting

Some qualifications, micro-credential, and standards activities will need to pause or stop across the sector as a result of the transition environment. This primarily affects the development of new products and the review of existing products not scheduled by NZQA for review until 2026.

A summary of these changes is provided in the table below.

Table Three: Planned Product Review and Development Status

Category	Details
2026 Reviews Not	Projects scheduled for review in 2026 will not be progressed
Progressed	this year. These will instead be passed to the new entity(s) for
	action in 2026.
2025 Reviews Revised or	Several reviews planned for 2025 will undergo light-touch
Lightened	revisions rather than full redevelopment, due to time
	constraints and industry engagement fatigue.
	Updates will focus on removing outdated terminology to keep
	content usable. Reviews not updated will be sent to the new
	entity as overdue, with handover notes explaining the limited
	revision scope.
	These include business unit standards, service delivery unit
	standards, public sector core and public sector Māori unit
	standards, real estate and residential property unit standards,
	security unit standards (aligned with the 2027 qualification
	review), and travel standards (aligned with the 2026–2027
	qualification review).
New Product	Development of new skill standards that may replace existing
Developments	unit standards is expected to be completed by Ringa Hora in
	most areas.
	However, depending on progress, some may transition as
	partially completed projects later in 2025. Where product
	gaps are identified in current or upcoming reviews—such as
	those emerging from the 2024 Business qualifications review
	or the Hospitality qualifications review starting May 2025—
	work may be scoped but not completed before year-end and
	will transition to the new entity.
	Other new development projects, including
	Entrepreneurship/Leadership and Employment Advocacy

micro-credentials, are expected to be completed or included
in the transition process.

Industry Engagement - Te Tühononga ki te Rāngai Mahi

For the remaining operational period we will prioritise critical engagements that build on the strong foundation of work established over previous years. These engagements are key to maintaining industry connections, enabling confidence in the system and ensuring continuity during the transition period.

Any additional work that exceeds our delivery capacity will be handed over to the new entity, ensuring minimal disruption and transparency with the industries we represent.

This plan may need to be adjusted if staffing capacity changes. In the event of staff departures or resource reallocation, we will reassess our ability to sustain scheduled engagements and project volumes and may need to pause or scale back certain activities as a result.

Governance and Operating Context | Te Horopaki Mana Whakahaere me te Horopaki Mamahi

Composition

No changes have been made to the current plan regarding Council composition. Ringa Hora will continue to actively engage with current Council members to confirm their continued participation, particularly considering upcoming term expirations.

A few Council members have terms that have either already expired or are scheduled to expire before December 2025. As these changes arise, we will adopt a pragmatic and flexible approach to managing Council continuity.

Where possible, we will maintain operations with the existing members, provided that the Council continues to meet the required balance of skills, experience, and representation as outlined in the Order in the Council (OiC).

If replacements are necessary, we will assess and manage those transitions carefully to minimise disruption and maintain effective governance through to the disestablishment phase.

Activity

The work plan for the Council from 1 July through to the disestablishment of Ringa Hora will be dynamic. It will be focused on the core governance activities required to guide the organisation through transition and change and ensure operational compliance and integrity. Key items for Council consideration throughout the operating period will be the Annual Report and Audit and disestablishment and transition planning, alongside all other standard governance items.

Please refer to Appendix Two for an overview of the structure and meeting schedule for Ringa Hora's Council and committees.

Organisational structure - Te Hanganga Whakahaere

Our organisational structure will remain unchanged during the transition. Any noncritical staff departures will not be backfilled, and vacancies will be managed internally through reallocation of responsibilities and workload where appropriate.

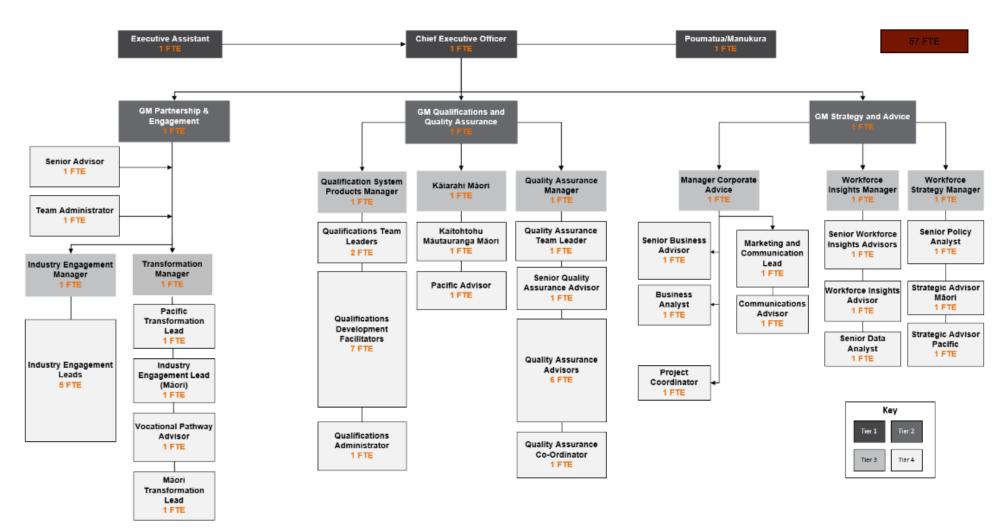


Figure One shows our organisational structure as of April 2025.

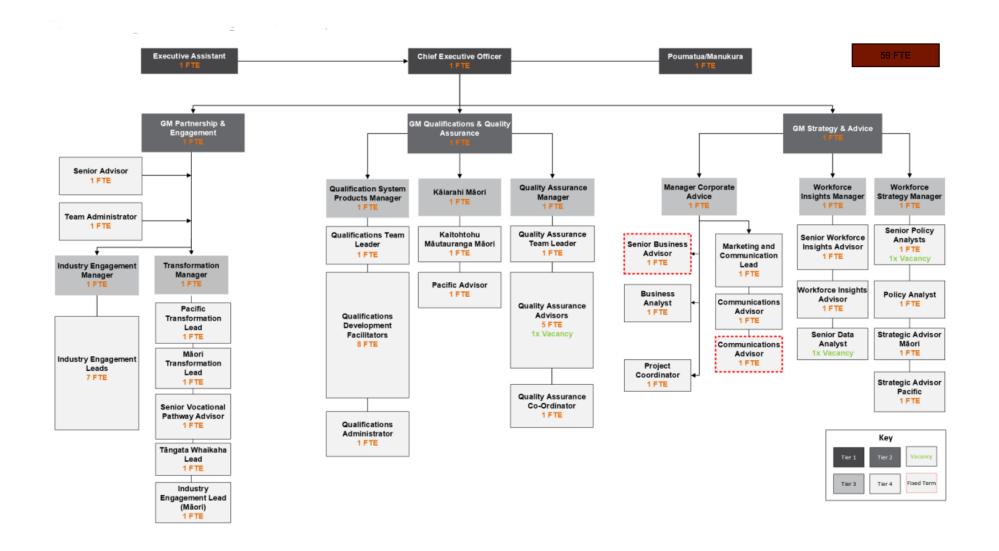


Figure Two shows our organisational structure as of April 2024 for comparison

Performance measures - Ngā Ine Whakatutukitanga

Function Measures

Our function measures, as specified by the TEC, remain consistent with what was provided in our 2024-2026 operational plan. Functional measures outlined in the 2024-2026 operational plan that were additional to those specified by TEC have been simplified and will be reported on in our 2025 Annual Report.

Impact Measures

Submission of the required impact measures has been completed.

Management Measures

Our management measures remain the same, as specified by TEC and remain consistent with what was provided in our 2024-2026 operational plan.

Table Four. Management measures for this operating period

Focus area	Measures	Agreed target
Financial	Ringa Hora has performed within	Any material difference between
management	its budget (via the standard	actuals and the overall budget is
	Financial Planning and Reporting	explained in financial reporting
	Template)	
Risk management	The Risk Register is completed	Mitigation activities are identified
	(incl. risk details and level of risk)	for all risks
	Each risk has an appropriate	
	response for mitigation	
Governance	Ringa Hora maintains a strong and	Ringa Hora will publish its Annual
	capable governing council that	Report, as required by its OIC
	provides effective leadership,	Council meeting agendas provided
	agrees to plan with achievable	to the TEC
	targets, understands its functions	
	and responsibilities, and has the	
	skills and experience to fulfil its	
	functions	

Appendix One – Ringa Hora Work Programme

Key:

Priority = Priority Transformational Projects (Must do)

Contributory = Contributory projects (Should do)

Functional = Functional projects (need to do)

Table Six: Ringa Hora Work Programme (ordered by start date and then by estimated completion date)

Activity	Type of	Description	Start Date	Estimated	Frequency	Organisational	Alignment to	Alignment with	Status as at May 2025
	activity			Completi		Lead	Strategic Priorities	legislative	
				on Date				functions	
Ringa Hora	Priority	Developing and implementing	Starts in	Jul-24	One off -	Strategy & Advice	All	All	Completed
Outcomes		an outcomes framework to	23/24		(BAU in the				
Framework		enable us to measure our ability			future)				
		to achieve outcomes in line with							
		Treasury guidance							
2024 Workforce	Functional	Developing our annual	Starts in	Jul-24	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Industry Led	Leadership	Completed
Development Plan		Workforce Development Plan	23/24						
		and tracking of associated							
		Industry Action Plans for 2024							
Māori, Hāpu and Iwi	Priority	Delivering targeted Māori	Starts in	Sep-24	Annual	Partnerships &	Industry Led	Leadership	Completed
Industry		industry engagement across the	23/24			Engagement			
Engagement Hui		Service sector, both regionally							
2024 (Tuia 2024)		and nationally based on needs							
		and opportunities							
Service sector	Contributory	Developing a central data	Starts in	Sep-24	One off -	Strategy & Advice	Learner Excellence	Leadership	Completed
Qualifications Data		repository that contains a wide	23/24		(BAU in the				
Repository		range of qualitative and			future)			Develop and	
		quantitative information related						Maintain	
		to Service sector qualifications.						Qualifications and	
		This will complement the data						Standards	
		that's available in the Shared							
		Data Platform							
2024 Annual Report	Functional	Operating requirement	Starts in	Oct-24	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively	N/A Operational	Completed
			23/24				- links to all		

TEC Investment	Priority	Advising TEC on industry needs	Starts in	Oct-24	Annual	Strategy & Advice	All	Advisory and	Completed
Advice 2026		for provision and support across	23/24					representative role	
		the motu							
New	Functional	Developing a new	Starts in	Dec-24	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	Completed
Transformational		transformational qualification	23/24			Quality		Maintain	
Qualification		and associated standards for				Assurance		Qualifications and	
Development		the Business Industry.						Standards	
Project: Business		Developed in conjunction with							
Qualifications and		industry							
Standards									
Service Sector	Contributory	Developing a forward-looking	Starts in	Dec-24	One off	Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	Completed - we will continue
Labour and Skills		model that predicts labour and	23/24						to work with industry to refine
Shortage Projection		skills shortages in the Service							the model as BAU
and Response Model		sector. This model will analyse							
		current industry trends,							
		workforce demographics and							
		skill demand to anticipate future							
		challenges for Service sector							
		industries.							
Māori in the Service	Contributory	Developing a better	Starts in	Dec-24	One off	Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	Completed
sector project		understanding of Māori in the	23/24						
		Service sector, including the							
		workforce, businesses,							
		pathways, and connections;							
		and developing actions based							
		on what we hear. Feeds into the							
		Māori Workforce Development							
		plan to be delivered later in the							
		operational period.							
Tāngata Whaikaha	Contributory	Developing, with the disability	Starts in	Dec-24	One off -	Partnerships &	Industry Led	Leadership	Due to capacity issues we
Action Plan		sector, industry, and key	23/24			Engagement			have not advanced this and
		groups, a Tāngata Whaikaha -			future)				taken a different approach
		Disability Action Plan.							based on research already
									undertaken by other Ohu in the
									DEI - Tāngata Whaikaha area.

Enhancing Formal	Contributory	Researching strategies for	Starts in	Feb-25	One off	Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	Given the required timeframe,
Qualification		increasing the integration of	23/24						we do not have the capacity to
Adoption in the		formal qualifications into						Develop and	deliver this before the due date
Services sector -		Service sector industries						Maintain	
Research Project								Qualifications and	
								Standards	
Te Manu Arataki	Priority	Supporting industry to lift	Starts in	Jun-25	One off	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	In Progress – On Track – will
Leadership Project		leadership capabilities across	23/24			Quality		Maintain	be complete before
		Aotearoa New Zealand. It will				Assurance		Qualifications and	disestablishment
		involve reviewing existing						Standards	
		leadership credentials across							
		the vocational education sector;							
		and developing new products							
		where appropriate. It is a cross							
		Ohu Ahumahi project							
Complete the	Priority	Developing a new induction	Starts in	Jun-25	One off	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	In Progress – On Track – will
"Shaping the Future		qualification pathway across the	23/24			Quality		Maintain	be complete before
of Service Skills"		Service sector. Developed in				Assurance		Qualifications and	disestablishment
Project (Waihangatia		conjunction with industry.						Standards	
te Āmua Ao) project									
He Rau Ranga Tira -	Priority	Embedding He Rau Ranga Tira	Starts in	Jun-25		Poumatua	Give effect to Te	All	Completed
Giving effect to Te		within Ringa Hora. He Rau	23/24				Tiriti o Waitangi		
Tiriti o Waitangi and		Ringa will guide Ohu Ahumahi							
Operationalising		on how to measure and							
Mātauranga Māori		understand the application of							
into Business		Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all							
Operations		aspects of Ohu Ahumahi work.							
		This includes guidance on how							
		self-reflection and review is							
		undertaken and how Māori are							
		included in shaping the							
		vocational education system.							
		Includes embedding							
		approaches to support Ringa							
		Hora kaimahi in operationalising							

Establish Ringa Awhi projects with Industry	Functional	Mātauranga Māori regardless of their role Working with the Hospitality, Retail, Aviation, Tourism and Travel Industries (eligible recipients of Ringa Awhi) on projects to enhance outcomes in their industries.	Starts in 23/24	Jun-25	One off	Strategy & Advice	Industry Led	Leadership	In Progress – On Track – will be complete before disestablishment
2024 NZQA self- assessment report	Functional	Completed the annual self-assessment report for NZQA – NZQA need to confirm content but from 2023 onwards, this will also include self-assessment of our quality assurance and qualifications mahi.	TBC NZQA to determine dates	TBC NZQA to determine dates	Annual	Qualifications & Quality Assurance	Learner Excellence	Develop and Maintain Qualifications and Standards Endorsing programmes and moderating assessments	Completed
TEC progress report	Functional	Operating requirement	Jul-24	Aug-24	Bi-annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively	N/A Operational	Completed
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Qualification and Skills Pipeline Initiative	Contributory	Mapping qualifications to corresponding career paths and skill development opportunities.	Jul-24	Dec-24	One off - (BAU in the future)	Strategy & Advice	Learner Excellence	Leadership Develop and	Given the required timeframe, we do not have the capacity to deliver this before the due
		This will provide a comprehensive roadmap for organisations to use to understand the role of qualifications in responding to skills and labour shortages, therefore enabling them to make informed decisions (related but different to initiatives 4 and 16)						Maintain Qualifications and Standards	date.

Quality Assurance	Contributory	Delivering webinars aimed at	Jul-24	Dec-24	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Endorsing	Completed
webinar series		growing best practices and				Quality		programmes and	
		developing relationships with				Assurance		moderating	
		moderators.						assessments	
Deliver Actions	Functional	Delivering actions outlined in	Aug-24	Jun-25		Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	In Progress – On Track – will
outlined in 2024		Ringa Hora 2024 Workforce							be complete before
Workforce		Development Plans							disestablishment
Development Plan									
2025 Qualifications	Functional	Setting the Qualifications	Oct-24	Jan-25	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	Completed
System Products		System products work plan for				Quality		Maintain	
work plan		2025				Assurance		Qualifications and	
								Standards	
2025 National	Functional	Developing the 2025 National	Oct-24	Jan-25	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Endorsing	Completed
External Moderation		External Moderation Plan.				Quality		programmes and	
Plan						Assurance		moderating	
								assessments	
National Services	Contributory	Delivering a Services sector	Oct-24	Mar-25	Annual	Partnerships &	Industry Led	Leadership	Planning and delivery of this
Sector Summit 2025		conference across all our				Engagement			event would extend beyond
		Service sector industries. This							Ringa Hora's operational
		would bring our industries							timeframe.
		together in one place to discuss							
		common themes, challenges							With the upcoming
		and opportunities - in particular							disestablishment, our capacity
		for collaboration - and to think							to host a national event of this
		aspirationally about the future							scale is limited and no longer
		together.							aligned with immediate
									priorities.
Deliver actions	Priority	Delivering actions agreed from	Oct-24	Aug-25	Annual	Partnerships &	Industry Led	Leadership	In Progress – On Track – will
resulting from the		the Māori, hāpu and iwi Industry				Engagement			be complete before
Māori, Hāpu and Iwi		Engagement Hui (Tuia 2024)							disestablishment
Industry									
Engagement Hui									
(Tuia 2024)									
TEC progress report	Functional	Operating requirement	Jan-25	Feb-25	Bi-annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively	N/A Operational	Completed
one 24/25							- links to all		

New Transformation	Functional	Developing a new large scale	Jan-25	Dec-25	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	Given the timeframe and focus
Qualification		transformational qualification.				Quality		Maintain	on disestablishment and
Development 2025 -		On average we do one or two of				Assurance		Qualifications and	transition, we do not have the
degree level		these annually. The focus and						Standards	capacity to deliver this before
apprenticeships		scope will depend on industry							the due date.
across Business Mgt		needed and the scale of the							
		development							
New Transformation	Functional	Developing a new large scale	Jan-25	Dec-25	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	In Progress – On Track – will
Qualification		transformational qualification.				Quality		Maintain	be complete before
Development 2025 -		On average we do one or two of				Assurance		Qualifications and	disestablishment
reset of level 1 and 2		these annually. The focus and						Standards	
school and transition		scope will depend on industry							
to FoSS and		needed and the scale of the							
inclusive of the		development							
foundational skills									
(literacy and									
numeracy)									
2025 Workforce	Functional	Developing our annual	Jan-25	Jun-25	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Industry Led	Leadership	We will not be developing a
Development Plan		Workforce Development Plan							new 2025 Workforce
		and associated Industry Action							Development Plan this year.
		Plans for 2025							Instead, we will make targeted
									updates to the existing 2024
									Plan as needed.
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Māori and Pacific	Contributory	Delivering our annual Māori and	Mar-26	May-25	Annual	Partnerships &	Industry Led	Leadership	While highly valuable, these
Industry Specific Hui		Pacific Hui focusing on a				Engagement			huis require significant
2025		specific industry - in 2023 this							planning, engagement, and
		was Tourism, in 2024 it will be							follow-up that cannot be
		Aviation.							·
									completed before December
									2025.
2025 Annual Report	Functional	Operating requirement	Apr-25	Oct-25	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively	N/A Operational	Will be complete before
							- links to all		disestablishment
Pacific Industry Hui	Contributory	Delivering targeted Pacific	Apr-25	May-25	Annual	Partnerships &	Industry Led	Leadership	While highly valuable, these
2025	-	industry engagement across the				Engagement			huis require significant
		service sector							planning, engagement, and

									follow-up that cannot be completed before December 2025.
Māori, Hāpu and Iwi Industry	Priority	Delivering targeted Māori industry engagement across the	May-25	Sep-25	Annual	Partnerships & Engagement	Industry Led	Leadership	Deliver a scaled-down Tuia 2025 through two smaller
Engagement Hui		service sector, both regionally							regional events, focused on
2025 (Tuia 2025)		and nationally based on needs							maintaining continuity and
		and opportunities							preparing the handover of key
									relationships and insights to
									the new entity.
TEC Investment	Priority	Advising to TEC on industry	Jun-25	Oct-25	Annual	Strategy & Advice	All	Advisory and	Will be complete before
Advice 2027		needs for provision and support						representative role	disestablishment
		across the motu							
2025 NZQA self-	Functional	Completing the annual self-	TBC NZQA	TBC	Annual	Qualifications &	Learner Excellence	Develop and	Will be complete before
assessment report		assessment report for NZQA-	to	NZQA to		Quality		Maintain	disestablishment
		NZQA still to confirm content,	determine	determine		Assurance		Qualifications and	
		but from 2024 onwards this will	dates	dates				Standards	
		include self-assessment of our							
		Quality Assurance and						Endorsing	
		Qualifications mahi.						programmes and	
								moderating	
								assessments	
TEC progress report	Functional	Operating requirement	Jul-25	Aug-25	Bi-annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively	N/A Operational	This will instead be replaced
two 24/25							- links to all		by a single short progress
									report that advises TEC on
									Ringa Hora's Progress against
									function measures on 30
									November 2025
Deliver Actions	Functional	Delivering actions outlined in	Aug-25	Jun-26		Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	These will not be going ahead,
outlined in 2025		Ringa Hora 2024 Workforce							as they are planned for after
Workforce		Development Plans							Ringa hora's disestablishment
Development Plan									date
Māori Workforce	Contributory	Developing a Māori Workforce	Sep-25	Jun-26	Annual	Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	
Development Plan		Development Plan informed by Pakihi Māori.							

Pacific Workforce Development Plan	Contributory	Developing a Pacific Workforce Development Plan informed by Pacific Peoples	Sep-25	Jun-26	Annual	Strategy & Advice	All	Leadership	
2026 Qualifications System Products work plan	Functional	Setting the Qualifications System products work plan for 2026	Oct-25	Jan-26	Annual	Qualifications & Quality Assurance	Learner Excellence	Develop and Maintain Qualifications and Standards	
2026 National External Moderation Plan	Functional	Developing the 2026 National External Moderation Plan	Oct-25	Jan-26	Annual	Qualifications & Quality Assurance	Learner Excellence	Endorsing programmes and moderating assessments	
National Services Sector Summit 2026	Contributory	Delivering a Services sector conference across all our Service sector industries. This would bring our industries together in one place to discuss common themes, challenges, and opportunities – in particular for collaboration and to think inspirationally about the future	Oct-25	Mar-26	Annual	Partnerships & Engagement	Industry Led	Leadership	
Deliver actions resulting from the Māori, Hāpu and Iwi Industry Engagement Hui (Tuia 2025)	Priority	Delivering actions agreed from the Māori, Hāpu and Iwi Industry Engagement Hui (Tuia 2025)	Oct-25	Finishes post operating period	Annual	Partnerships & Engagement	Industry Led	Leadership	Will be complete before disestablishment
Ringa Hora Operational Plan 2026-2028	Functional	Reporting requirement for TEC	Dec-25	Mar-26	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively - links to all	N/A Operational	These will not be going ahead, as they are planned for after Ringa hora's disestablishment
New Transformation Qualification Development 2026	Functional	Developing a new large scale transformational qualification. On average we do one or two of these annually. The focus and scope will depend on industry needed and the scale of the development	Jan-26	Finishes post operating period	Annual	Qualifications & Quality Assurance	Learner Excellence	Develop and Maintain Qualifications and Standards	date

TEC progress report	Functional	Operating requirement	Jan-26	Feb-26	Bi-annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively	N/A Operational	These will not be going ahead,
one 25/26							- links to all		as they are planned for after
2026 Workforce Development Plan	Functional	Developing our annual Workforce Development Plan and associated Industry Action Plans for 2026	Jan-26	Jun-26	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Industry Led	Leadership	Ringa hora's disestablishment date
2026 Annual Report	Functional	Operating requirement	Apr-26	Finishes post operating period	Annual	Strategy & Advice	Operating effectively - links to all	N/A Operational	Requirements for reporting on the period from 1 July 2025 to disestablishment are still being confirmed
Māori and Pacific Industry Specific Hui 2026	Contributory	Delivering our annual Māori and Pacific Hui focusing on a specific industry - in 2023 this was Tourism, in 2024 it will be Aviation.	Mar-26	May-26	Annual	Partnerships & Engagement	Industry Led	Leadership	These will not be going ahead, as they are planned for after Ringa hora's disestablishment date
Pacific Industry Hui 2026	Contributory	Delivering targeted Pacific industry engagement across the service sector (up to 3 forums annually)	Apr-26	May-26	Annual	Partnerships & Engagement	Industry Led	Leadership	
Māori, Hāpu and Iwi Industry Engagement Hui 2026 (Tuia 2026)	Priority	Delivering targeted Māori industry engagement across the service sector, both regionally and nationally based on needs and opportunities	May-26	Finishes post operating period	Annual	Partnerships & Engagement	Industry Led	Leadership	
TEC Investment Advice 2028	Priority	Advising to TEC on industry needs for provision and support across the motu	Jun-26	Finishes post operating period	Annual	Strategy & Advice	All	Advisory and representative role	

Governance at Ringa Hora

What informs our governance approach?

- How the Council performs its functions
- How the Council gives effect to the relevant parts of the tertiary education strategy
- The performance measures the Council uses to assess its performance against the goals and objectives set out in the statement (clause 8(2), the Order in Council)

Council

Role: Provides skills and workforce leadership for the relevant industries; develop and maintain qualifications, standards and credentials; endorse programmes and moderate assessments; provide employers with brokerage and advisory services; advise the TEC about the mix of vocational education and training; represent the interests of the specified industries and perform any other functions conferred on it by the Minister.

Chair: Hinerangi Edwards

Meets: Informally via fortnightly drop in sessions which can be turned into minuted meetings if urgent decisions are needed; formally bi-monthly to support key decisions throughout the transition/disestablishment period

This governance group sets strategic direction, enhances performance and manages risk

These governance groups provide challenge, advice and assurance

People, Culture & Capability Committee

Role: Upholds the tikanga of the organisation, ensures the capability of all our people is recognised; acts for and advises Council on matters pertaining to the employment of the Chief Executive, provides strategic advice toward solutions and opportunities for Ringa Hora Council and staff.

<u>Chair</u>: Maxine Gay and <u>Meets</u>: As needed to support Council decision making during transition / disestablishment

Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

Role: Provides assessment, assurance and assistance to the Council and Chief Executive on the Council's risk control and compliance framework and its internal and external financial and accountability responsibilities.

<u>Chair:</u> Jill Hatchwell and <u>Meets</u>: As needed to support Council decision making during transition / disestablishment

Ngā Ringa Kōtuitui – Partnership & Engagement Committee

Role: Provides key contacts and strategic advice to guide and support the Partnership and Engagement team in effectively engaging across all Ringa Hora industries; provides advice on how best practice in engagement activities can be achieved to identify opportunities and collaborate.

<u>Chair:</u> Hinurewa te Hau and <u>Meets</u>: As needed to support Council decision making during transition / disestablishment

Chief Executive (Kari Scrimshaw) and Poumatua (Ben Ngaia)

Workforce Development Council kaimahi

The Chief Executive, Poumatua and kaimahi enable stewardship, strategy and performance

Figure Three: Our governance sucture

