



Agricultural Vehicles and Machinery

This moderation report covers activities for the period April-June 2025.

Agricultural vehicles and machinery unit standards are widely utilised across the food and fibre sector. Given the high-risk nature of activities involving these vehicles and machinery, these standards have remained a key focus area since Muka Tangata was established—and 2025 was no exception.

Between April and June 2025, we requested **72 assessment samples** from ākonga (learners) across **eight providers delivering these standards**. These samples underwent desk-based moderation.

Our moderators agreed with 89% of the assessment decisions made by providers. This marks a **significant improvement from previous years**, with verification rates rising from 62% in 2023 to 78% in 2024. We attribute this increase to the focused efforts by the Quality Assurance and Enhancement team **supporting providers and schools to enhance assessment quality and practices**. In comparison, the verification rate across the entire sector for the same period stands at 82%.

Of the 17 moderated samples from ākonga Māori, moderators agreed with 15 assessor decisions (89%).

Only one provider did not meet moderation requirements. We will continue to support them in improving their assessment practices and have recommended post-assessment moderation in 2026, along with a hui whakapūmau visit by the ISB.

There were many examples of good practice assessment that our moderators were able to feedback to the provider.

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During this period, we also conducted online hui whakapūmau enhancement visits with three providers delivering agricultural vehicle unit standards. These engagements focused on delivery and assessment methods, learner support, quality assurance systems, and professional development opportunities for tutors.

Interventions to improve verification rates and support providers have been in place sector wide such as hui whakapūmau provider site visit, online seminars and professional development workshops conducted face to face for individual providers.

Moderation results, positive or otherwise are discussed with the provider, and followed up with a report. Any actions for improvements are agreed with the provider and implemented.