



Moderation and quality assurance report:

Apiculture

2023

Through our legislated moderation function, Muka Tangata Workforce Development Council works with education providers such as Te Pūkenga subsidiaries, Private Training Establishments and schools to check and, where appropriate, provide improvements that help to ensure their ākonga (learners) are being assessed to the national industry standard. We also formally endorse programmes that have been developed by providers to make sure they meet industry needs.

Education providers play an important role in helping to meet industry and employer skill needs by delivering programmes for ākonga and potential ākonga in the food and fibre sector.

This report looks to provide industry and employers with a picture of Muka Tangata moderation and a snapshot of the quality of provision (delivery and assessment) for this industry.

Apiculture

Since June 2022, four new or revised programmes have been endorsed by Muka Tangata for use in the Apiculture industry.

Muka Tangata's new approach to quality assurance focuses on building strong and enduring relations with providers; moderating at the programme level; and using moderation tools that make a difference.

Over this period we have carried out onsite and online hui whakapūmau enhancement visits with two Apiculture providers to observe delivery and assessment of Apiculture standards. Over the year we facilitated 22 professional development online seminars for providers around best practice assessment, meeting programme endorsement considerations, and te ao Māori.

Apiculture was a moderation focus area for Muka Tangata and between April and June 2023 we called for 24 learner assessment samples from three providers delivering standards in the industry. These were desk-based moderated.

The assessor verification rate for this period was 8% and this is much lower than the across-all-sector verification rate for this period (70%). The main

reason for the lower verification rate is assessment material used had not been pre-moderated, and plagiarism. This result indicates an issue with the way providers are assessing learners, rather than necessarily the quality of the learner at the completion of the programme.

Since then, the Quality Assurance and Enhancement team has worked closely with each of the providers to pre-moderate and approve the assessment materials and rectify the issues found. We will continue to connect with these providers over 2024 and each will be post-moderated against Apiculture unit standards where we are expecting better results