

# Review of Vocational Education Reform

## Announcement FAQs - Learners

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**Q. Where do I find out exactly what the Government decision is?**

A. We have collated all relevant Reform of Vocational Education information on our [website](#).

**Q. What do the changes mean to me as a learner?**

A. For now, the reforms won't change anything for you as the transition will take time to work through. Competenz will continue to support you, and your employer. By the end of 2022, support for your training will come from a different organisation. Competenz is committed to keeping you as informed as possible throughout the transition.

**Q. I'm apprentice on a 4 year qualification. Who will be supporting me after 2022?**

A. At this stage, we don't know which provider will be supporting apprentices after 2022. We're committed to ensuring the transition to a future provider is as smooth and seamless as possible. When we've worked through our transition arrangements we'll be in contact.

**Q. When can I expect to see some changes or a transition plan?**

A. Over the next six months we'll be consulting with government agencies on the transition arrangements for Competenz. We'll communicate with you when we've worked through this and have had the approach endorsed by government and industry.

**Q. Will apprentices and trainees still get a qualification from Competenz?**

A. Competenz will still be awarding qualifications for some time. At some point the qualifications will be awarded by vocational education providers.

**Q. Will the current qualification still be recognised in the future?**

A. Yes. The NZQA Qualifications awarded through Competenz will continue to be recognised in the future.

**Q. What's happening with fees-free?**

A. The Government is committed to delivering on its promise of fees-free for the first two years of industry training (subject to eligibility criteria) for its current term of government. So we expect that fees-free will remain in place for 2019 and 2020.

**Q. I've had my Competenz training advisor / account manager for a long time – will that change?**

**A.** Not in the short term. The relationship between apprentices, trainees and employers is very important in maintaining continuity of training. While we cannot promise that your training advisor/account manager will be constant throughout the apprenticeship, it's our intention that we minimise disruption to our employers and learners while we work through this transition.

**Q. What will happen to block courses?**

**A.** For 2019, there will be no changes to block courses. We also expect block courses for 2020 to continue as normal, and preparation is underway for negotiations with our providers.

**Q. Do the study groups (or night classes) that I attend change at all?**

**A** Nothing will change in the way you're supported to complete your training during 2019. We expect that this will continue into 2020. If there are any changes to the way we support your on-job training, we'll communicate with plenty of notice.