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2008 Annual Fee Due

The Annual Fee Return Form from non-government funded providers is due by 28 February 2008. There is no need to forward any payment with the return – we will invoice you during March/April.

All registered private training establishments, government training establishments, wānanga, Unitec New Zealand and recognised course owners pay an annual fee to NZQA. The fee is for activities that benefit the whole sector but cannot be charged to individual providers.

The annual fee is \$775 plus \$10 for every full-time equivalent (FTE) student, plus GST. There has been no change to the annual fee rate for 2008.

Some key points to note.

Government funded providers

If you receive only government funding you do not have to do anything. We will use data from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and other available information to calculate your FTE student numbers and invoice you.

Newly registered PTEs

You will be invoiced for the annual fee after registration status is gained. The fee is calculated as follows: \$300 base fee; plus \$40 (GST incl) for each complete month in the remainder of the calendar year.

Non-government funded providers

If you do not receive any form of government funding you are required to submit the [Annual Fee](#) Return Form and calculate your FTE student numbers on the [Credit Value](#) Worksheet and the [Learning Hours](#) Worksheet available

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eQuate is the newsletter from the Quality Assurance Division (QAD) of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. QAD is responsible for quality assurance of private training establishments (PTEs), government training establishments (GTEs), wānanga and Unitec.

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from the NZQA website. The Return Form and Worksheets are due by 28 February 2008.

Mixed – government funded and non-funded

If you have a mix of government funded and non-funded students you are required to submit the [Annual Fee](#) Return Form and calculate your non-funded FTE student numbers on the [Credit Value](#) Worksheet and the [Learning Hours](#) Worksheet available from the NZQA website. We will source your funded data from TEC. The Return Form and Worksheets are due by 28 February 2008.

Late no-return fee

If the Return Form is not received by 28 February 2008 we will estimate the annual fee based on historical data and add a 20 per cent non-return fee to FTE student numbers.

Invoicing and payment

Invoices will be generated during March and April 2008. Usual payment terms apply. If you are submitting the Annual Fee Return Form do not send any payment until you receive an invoice.

Adjustments to FTE student numbers

Requests for adjustments must be made within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. A [Request for Adjustment](#) to Annual Fee Form is available on the NZQA website.

The [annual fee](#) information on the NZQA website has been refreshed for 2008, but remains largely unchanged from 2007. For further information, email annualfees@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone Kiri Watson on 04 463 3390.

Tertiary Reforms Report Released

The eagerly awaited Quality Assurance Expert Advisory Group report to the Minister for Tertiary Education has been made public and is available on the [NZQA website](#).

NZQA has been commissioned by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) to lead the development of the quality assurance framework as part of TEC's overall responsibility for implementing the broader tertiary education reforms.

The independent Expert Advisory Group (EAG) includes people highly respected in tertiary education and evaluation. The report is the product of their deliberations in 2007 and provides a clear description of the evaluative approach to quality assurance currently under development.

New approach endorsed

The EAG has endorsed the new approach to quality assurance that will see ongoing self-assessment by tertiary institutions, backed up by periodic external evaluation and review. The report supports this high-trust model, where primary responsibility for the quality of education rests with the providers.

“We are keen that everyone with an interest in tertiary education reads the report,” says NZQA Deputy Chief Executive Mike Willing.

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“Along with our web-based discussion forum, *Evaluate*, to be available in the near future, this report will provide the basis for our ongoing discussion and work with the sector.”

Outcomes, evidence

Chair of the EAG, Professor Gary Hawke, says the new system shifts away from an audit and input-focused approach to quality, to a focus on outcomes backed up by evidence. The report states: “A key component of self-assessment will be how providers gather and respond to evidence of student outcomes and teacher effectiveness, as the key influence on student outcomes”.

Significantly, the report also notes: “Authentic self-assessment will require the engagement of staff at all levels of tertiary organisations, especially teaching staff”.

The Government invests more than \$3 billion a year in tertiary education and wants to be confident that it is getting the best possible value for money in terms of quality – that the outcomes of tertiary education are what students, communities (including employers) and society as a whole need.

Reminders

Tertiary Reforms forum

Have your say on Tertiary Reforms. *Evaluate*, a web-based discussion forum will be launched in the near future.

The Tertiary Reforms team will email education organisations with the website link and information on how to register and use the forum. The aim is to enable providers and other stakeholders to keep abreast of the latest developments and offer their own views.

New-look provider pages

The [provider pages](#) on the NZQA website have been refreshed for easier access. Previously, the provider’s accreditations were listed on the same page with contact and other details. Now, degree and course accreditations have been separated from NQF accreditations, and placed on separate pages, accessed by links from the provider page.

Recent web updates

The [Student Fee Protection Quarterly Reporting Timetable](#) has been updated as a more generic document.

The webpage [How do I appeal a cancellation of registration?](#) can now be found under [Reviews and appeals](#) on the refreshed QAD section of the NZQA website.