

ROVE UPDATE

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This update outlines the latest information relating to the ROVE (review of vocational education).

The legislation to implement the ROVE has now been passed and is due to be implemented from 1 April 2020. At this point the 16 existing Polytechnic sites around New Zealand become sites of the new NZIST. This means they will be acting under a national governance structure which will determine the type of courses they can deliver. ITOs will become transitional bodies and their services will be divided between the Workforce Development Councils and Training Providers over the next 2 years.

What does this mean for the Flooring Industry?

Apprenticeship training will carry on as normal. The Government have made it clear that they expect a business as usual approach during the transition period. During this period the ATI (Allied Trades Institute) will put in place a plan to transition current and new apprentices from the BCITO to the ATI. This will require the ATI to take over the services currently performed by the BCITO. These services will include:

- Enrolling learners
- Providing the off-job training
- Monitoring the on-job training
- Assessing competency
- Reporting achievements to NZQA
- Certificating apprentices/learners
- Quality assuring the training delivery.

How is FloorNZ involved in the changes?

The Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) have set up a number of working groups to ensure that the new system meets industry needs. These include:

- The Workforce Development Council (WDC) design group, which is tasked with creating a structure that works around industry needs.
- The Centre of Vocational Excellence (COVE) working group, which is tasked with deciding roles, responsibilities and focus for the COVE.
- The funding design group which is tasked with designing a funding system that incorporates the needs of all the entities providing training.

FloorNZ has representation on all three of these groups which enables us to influence and guide the development to ensure it meets our industry's needs.

If you would like any further information on the ROVE please contact me on kari@floornz.org.nz

Regards

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