
VIA Submission on Te Pukenga redesign

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Re: Submission on Vocational Education and Training Reforms 2024 (Redesign of the vocational education and training system)

The Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association (VIA) supports the combined industry submission led by the Motor Trade Association (MTA) regarding the Vocational Education and Training (VET) reforms. We believe the submission establishes the right direction for increasing industry involvement in qualification development and delivery, ensuring that training aligns with the evolving needs of the automotive sector.

We see the approach outlined in the submission as a first step. The establishment and operation of any new entity overseeing automotive vocational education will require detailed design, and we would welcome further consultation on this. In particular, we believe the following areas warrant additional discussion to ensure the broadest representation and most effective structure for the industry:

Governance and Representation:

- Further consultation is needed to define how the governance of the new entity will ensure representation from all industry sectors, including importers, repairers, OEMs, and smaller businesses. Ensuring balanced input from all stakeholders will be key to its success.

Funding Transparency:

- It will be critical to ensure that any funds collected for vocational training are exclusively used for their intended purpose. We recommend the creation of transparent financial structures, such as ringfenced funds and independent audits, to maintain industry confidence.

State-of-the-Art Training and Intellectual Property:

- We support the idea that graduates should receive training that reflects advancements in vehicle technology and design. However, we would also like to ensure that this training remains broad and applicable across the industry, rather than being overly influenced by any specific intellectual property or proprietary systems.

Portability and Universality of Qualifications:

- Qualifications developed by the new entity should remain portable across different sectors and industries. We would like to see further consultation on how qualifications will retain NZQA accreditation and remain universally recognized, ensuring workers' skills are transferable within the wider economy.

Futureproofing of Vocational Training:

- We believe that ongoing consultation should include mechanisms to regularly review and update qualifications to ensure they continue to meet not only the present needs of the industry but also future demands as vehicle technologies and market conditions evolve.

In summary, we are aligned with the overall direction of the MTA's submission. We also feel that the detailed design of the new entity and its governance structures will require further engagement with the industry. We are confident that continued dialogue will result in a system that works for all stakeholders and ensures the future success of vocational training in the automotive sector.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important process and look forward to further consultation.

Regards,

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