

★ Careers New Zealand transfers to Tertiary Education Commission

Careers New Zealand will become part of the Tertiary Education Commission in a reform which will result in better and more consistent careers information for school students.



On 18 May 2016, Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Minister Steven Joyce and Education Minister Hekia Parata announced that Careers New Zealand will become part of the Tertiary Education Commission.

This change recognises that the recent strong performance of Careers New Zealand leaves it well positioned to become a highly effective part of a more integrated careers service within the Tertiary Education Commission.

A date for the transition of our careers role will be announced once legislation is passed. This is likely to be sometime after March 2017. The Tertiary Education Commission will act as Government's prime careers information provider offering seamless high quality careers and training information for students at school, tertiary education and through to employment.

Careers New Zealand's products and services will transfer to the Commission. Our website, careers.govt.nz and other tools providing high quality careers information will still be available. Over time resources that support career education in schools, like professional development, may shift from the Tertiary Education Commission.

In the meantime, it's business as usual for us as we prepare for the transition. We continue to deliver our suite of services and digital tools to help young people, and those supporting them, make informed learning and work choices about their future.

Our mobile friendly website is on track to receive 4.2 million New Zealand visits by 30 June. Our Industry Big Day Out initiative continues to improve pathways between education and employment, with 87% of students who attended the programme improving their knowledge of the industry.

This month we launched Māia, a new video series featuring five Māori businesses, who are sharing their stories to give rangatahi an inside look at the skills they'll need to work in New Zealand's booming \$40 billion Māori economy.

As we prepare for our transition we continue to promote the importance of career development for New Zealanders and the prosperity of the country's economy.

★ Jane Ratcliffe – Acting Chief Executive, Careers New Zealand.

Notes:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/careers-new-zealand-become-part-tec>

Māia – watch Careers New Zealand's video series at <https://www.careers.govt.nz/maia>

Careers system review factsheet <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/all/files/Careers%20system%20review%20factsheet.pdf>

Careers system review Q&A <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/all/files/Careers%20system%20review%20Q&A.pdf>