



globally and in ongoing shortage in New Zealand. Please see the link below for further information on the new Green List:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/work-and-employment/green-list-occupations>

2) *What context was the decision made under?*

NZQA has not made a decision to prevent students from studying specific qualifications. As outlined in our response above, an education provider will decide whether they will offer qualifications to international students.

3) *What NZQA qualifications are still not being offered to international students now?*

NZQA lists qualifications but they are offered by tertiary education organisations. There is no exclusion on international students undertaking qualifications that are listed on the NZQF. Enrolment of students, domestic or international is determined by the education provider who will be guided by the visa requirements of Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

In your email you refer to the New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Electrical Engineering (Level 4) and use this as an example of a qualification that is not offered to international students. There are eight education providers offering this qualification in New Zealand. For example, one of those providers is Unitec in Auckland. Further information about Unitec's entry requirements for international students for this qualification can be found at the link below:

<https://www.unitec.ac.nz/sites/default/files/public/NZCAU-NZCAU.pdf>

Work-based learning is an integral part of this qualification. Therefore, the learner needs to be working in an approved automotive premises to enrol in this qualification. This may result in a barrier to international student enrolment.

4) *Are the qualifications in (3) able to be offered to work visa holders now?*

Yes, qualifications may be offered to work visa holders now.

5) *If the original decision was made in the context of providing more job prospects for locals, the fact that some of these qualifications appear on Immigration NZ's Green List infers that there is a demand and skill shortage in NZ. Would there be a review in due course (or happening now) where NZQA might look at offering these qualifications to international students again.*

NZQA does not set immigration and visa policy which are matters for INZ. Please see 3 above and the link below for further information.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study>

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**Pouwhakahaere Hāpai /Acting Chief Executive**