Qualification Title: New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner (Level 6) with strands in Server Administration, Network Administration, Information Technology Security, and Software Testing

Qualification number: 2599

Date of review: 10 October 2022

This report refers to all graduates awarded this qualification prior to **31 December 2021**

Final decision on consistency of the qualification: National consistency is confirmed

Threshold

The threshold to determine sufficiency with the graduate profile was determined as evidence of graduates who are capable of applying current Information Technology (IT) skills, knowledge, and practice that are internationally relevant in the chosen strand. Graduates operate within the applicable professional standards and practice, both independently and as part of a team.

Education Organisations with sufficient evidence

The following education organisations have been found to have sufficient evidence.

MOE Number	Education Organisation	Final rating
9964	People Potential Limited	Sufficient

Introduction

The purpose of this Level 6 and 40-credit qualification is to provide Aotearoa New Zealand with people who have updated their knowledge and specialist skills to remain current in a specific area of IT practice, in response to the changing needs and demands of the dynamic IT environment. This qualification is designed to recognise the specific skills and knowledge required of practitioners to update specialist skills to remain current in one of the following areas of IT practice:

- Server Administration
- Network Administration
- Information Technology Security.

Most graduates have pathwayed to this qualification through study at Level 5, not from working in industry as anticipated.

A representative from the qualification developer, Toi Mai Workforce Development Council, and an NZQA observer participated in this review. One education organisation with graduates participated in the online consistency review meeting with a total of 33 graduates across the four-year reporting period for this qualification.

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Evidence

The education organisation provided a range of evidence to demonstrate that their graduates met the graduate profile outcomes (GPOs).

The criteria used to judge the evaluation question were:

- the nature, quality and integrity of the evidence presented by the education organisation
- how well the organisation has analysed, interpreted and validated the evidence, and used the understanding gained to achieve actual or improved consistency
- the extent to which the education organisation can reasonably justify and validate claims and statements relating to the consistency of graduate outcomes, including in relation to other providers of programmes leading to the qualification.

How well does the self-assessment and supporting evidence provided by the education organisation demonstrate that its graduates match the graduate outcomes at the appropriate threshold?

The evidence provided for this review included:

- confirmation that the education organisation had a programme of study which ensured that programme components led to the graduate profile outcomes
- evidence of moderation of assessor judgements and assessments, that assured the programmes were assessed at an appropriate level
- evidence of the conditions of the programme were addressed
- records of feedback from graduates, employers, and next-study tutors
- destination data indicated movement progression related to further study and employment.

Overall, the self-assessment and supporting evidence supplied demonstrate that graduates meet the graduate outcomes at the determined threshold.

Special focus

None

Issues and concerns

None

Recommendations to Qualification Developer

None