

Regional network summary – Senior Positions Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 7 November 2025

Location: PPTA National Office

Chair: Isabel Rangiwananga

Key Themes

1. NCEA Reform and Qualification Changes

- a. Mixed regional feedback; concerns about equity for Māori, Pasifika, and diverse learners.
- b. Workload implications and early vocational/academic split flagged as problematic.
- c. Universities require clarity for admissions; creative subjects may be negatively impacted.
- d. PPTA continues advocacy through letters to the Minister, Ministry, and NZQA.

2. Digital Safety and Extremism

- a. Rising exposure of students to harmful online ideologies.
- b. Need for critical media literacy at junior levels; resources exist but are fragmented.
- c. Executive paper on AI marking position presented.

3. AI in Assessment

- a. NZQA progressing with AI-assisted marking for Level 1 subjects; aims to improve feedback speed and reduce costs.
- b. SPAC raised concerns about bias, transparency, and cultural context.
- c. MOE guidance emphasises teacher primacy in marking and authenticity safeguards.

4. Support for Overseas-Trained Teachers (OTTs)

- a. Identified challenges: curriculum understanding, registration, and integration.
- b. Initiatives include webinars, resource development, and Tuakana/Teina mentoring networks.
- c. Broader support is needed for practical settlement issues (housing, banking).

5. Industrial and Attendance Updates

- a. ERA directed PPTA to facilitation; process remains non-binding.

- b. Low-level statutory attendance interventions introduced without sector consultation; PPTA monitoring implications.

6. Zero data is a joint initiative between several government agencies.

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Next Steps

- PPTA to maintain strong advocacy on NCEA reforms and AI marking policy.
- Advocacy for developing resources for digital safety and misinformation education.
- Expand OTT support networks and raise awareness of employer responsibilities.
- Monitor MOE attendance interventions and communicate sector concerns.

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