

## ITF calls for a more coherent vocational education sector

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Industry Training Federation Chair Kevin Bryant today urged a more collaborative approach to vocational education and training.

In his opening comments to the annual Industry Training Federation Conference in Wellington today, Mr Bryant stressed that vocational learning throughout the economy is needed to grow productivity and profitability of businesses, industries and our economy.

“All of us in the tertiary sector need to do more to ensure better performance of the whole vocational education sector. This means schools, polytechnics, PTEs, ITOs wananga and universities working together,” he said.

“The outcome we are seeking from the conference is an acceptance by ITOs, providers and government of a coherent approach to vocational education and training from schools, to tertiary providers, to work.

“We live in challenging times and this goal will not be achieved by continuing to do what we all do and behaving in the siloed inward looking way that has typified the last 10 years . We need to all do better, together. This conference is picking up on this challenge,” Mr Bryant said.

The Industry Training Federation annual conference is being held at Te Papa Tongarewa on Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 July. The theme of the conference is Vocational Skills: Growing New Zealand.

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