

ITOs committed to improving performance

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Industry Training Organisations are committed to improving their performance and improving their services to the industries and trainees they serve.

“ITOs and industry training deliver excellent value for taxpayer and industry investment, with over 30,000 qualifications and 3 million credits achieved each year,” said Jeremy Baker, Executive Director of the Industry Training Federation.

“They do this with a relatively low level of government expenditure of around \$1,000 per trainee each year, less than a third of comparable funding in the rest of the tertiary education sector,” Mr Baker said. “On a cost-per-completion basis, industry training is the most cost-effective part of tertiary education by far,” he added.

“Over the last decade, ITOs have focussed on increasing participation in workplace learning, often working in industries with no tradition of training and with employees who have not previously been successful in education and training,” said Mr Baker.

“ITOs welcome the Government’s focus on the outcomes of industry training. In conjunction with the Tertiary Education Commission, ITOs have identified areas where they can further improve their services and performance. This has led to recent changes in funding and regulatory policy which clarifies the Government’s expectations of the industry training system,” Mr Baker said.

“ITOs are committed to meeting the Government’s new expectations for a focus on outcomes, and will be working hard in 2011 to lift their performance further,” Mr Baker concluded.

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The Industry Training Federation is a voluntary membership organisation representing all of New Zealand’s 39 Industry Training Organisations.