

Literacy report welcomed

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The Industry Training Federation has welcomed the report showing a significant increase in the number of adults participating in education and training that includes a literacy and numeracy component.

“More than a quarter of them are working towards a wider qualification through an Industry Training Organisation,” Federation Executive Director Jeremy Baker said today.

“The literacy and numeracy component of their qualification is embedded, which means that the skills they are pick up relate to the job they are doing as well as providing them with long-term wider benefits.

“Over the last few years, ITOs have put a lot of resource and energy into ensuring their qualifications address the literacy and numeracy needs of trainees. We are confident that the benefits of this investment will help improve trainee completions and ultimately support improvements in workplace productivity.

“There is no doubt that this kind of work is essential. The last (2006) Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey (ALLs) estimated that there were 1.1 million New Zealanders with literacy skills below those needed to participate fully in a knowledge society. Of these, 800,000 were in the workforce,” Mr Baker said.

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

The report is available here:

<http://literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/New-Zealand-overview/Getting-Results-in-Literacy-and-Numeracy>