

## ITOs focused on improvement

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Operational policy changes for Industry Training Organisations announced by the Government today will help ITOs continue to improve their performance, Industry Training Federation Executive Director Jeremy Baker said today.

“The number of trainees ITOs work with has tripled over the last ten years and operational policy guiding them has not kept up with that change. While ITOs continue to deliver great value to government, industry and taxpayers, we are all well aware that there is room for improvement,” Mr Baker said.

“In particular, ITOs are absolutely committed to measures which will help improve the completion rates among trainees and over the last couple of years a number of initiatives have already been put in place. In particular, the work that ITOs are doing to embed literacy and numeracy learning into qualifications will make a huge difference.

“ITOs are also committed to improving their administration processes and some of the changes announced by the TEC today will support that work. So too will the Industry Training Register that the TEC is developing, which will ensure better reporting processes to government and by government.

“The Minister’s concern is for value for money. Industry training already is the most cost-effective part of the country’s tertiary education sector and will continue to deliver value for taxpayers, their industries and trainees,” 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. More than 35,000 businesses and 180,000 apprentices and trainees are involved in industry training every year.*