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Public release of 2017 NCEA and University Entrance Attainment Statistics – Update on timing

Date:	12 March 2018	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	CR 17155

Action Sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	Immediate
a. note that NZQA has reviewed the schedule for a press release on national provisional 2017 NCEA and University Entrance statistics and will no longer release the provisional statistics as previously advised because the finalised statistics will be publicly available on 11 April 2018.	
b. note that you will receive a briefing on the final 2017 NCEA and University Entrance attainment statistics on 5 April 2018.	
c. note that NZQA will issue a press release on the final 2017 NCEA and University Entrance statistics on 11 April 2018.	
d. note that NZQA will signal in that press release that 2017 is the last year for which NZQA will be reporting NCEA and UE attainment using the roll-based measure.	
e. note that the Ministry of Education has been consulted on this briefing.	
f. note that NZQA advises you to not release this advice at this time as the finalised attainment statistics will soon be released.	

Enclosure/Appendix: Yes

Round Robin No

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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Redactions
under 9(2)(a)

The following departments/agencies have seen this report:

Ministry of Education

Tertiary Education Commission

Other (specify)

Noted

Seen

Approved

Needs change

Withdrawn

Overtaken by Events

See Minister's comments

Declined

Referred to:

Comments:

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Recommended Action

It is recommended you:

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Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive

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Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Purpose of Report

1. This report provides an update to the 2017 NCEA, University Entrance (UE) and Scholarship attainment statistics release schedule.
2. The Ministry of Education has been consulted on this briefing.

Comment

3. NZQA had previously advised you that we would be issuing a press release outlining the provisional high-level national NCEA and UE statistics in early March (CR17057 Provisional 2017 NCEA and University Entrance Attainment Statistics-updated as at 8 February 2018 refers). We had also advised you that we would signal in the press release that 2017 is the last year for which NZQA will be reporting NCEA and UE attainment using the current roll-based measure.
4. NZQA prefers, where possible, to release final public statistics rather than provisional statistics as the latter are subject to change. To date, NZQA has not had significant interest in an early release of provisional attainment statistics. As the final statistics will be publicly available on 11 April 2018, NZQA prefers not to issue a press release with provisional statistics at this time.
5. We have also brought the planned public release date for the final statistics slightly forward to take into account the school holidays.
6. The 2017 NCEA, UE and Scholarship attainment statistics release schedule, which is included in this briefing as Appendix 1, presents the revised timeline.
7. You will receive a briefing on the final 2017 NCEA and UE attainment statistics on 5 April 2018.
8. The final 2017 NCEA and UE statistics will be made publicly available on the NZQA website on 11 April 2018. NZQA will issue a press release on the final 2017 NCEA and UE statistics on that day. In the press release NZQA will signal that 2017 is the last year for which NZQA will be reporting NCEA and UE attainment using the roll-based measure.
9. NZQA's Annual Report on NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics will be released by NZQA at the end of May 2017. This provides commentary on all national attainment data and includes administrative information such as the number of reviews and reconsiderations, reports of allegations of examination room breaches, and Special Assessment Conditions data.

Date	Item
16 January 2018	Briefing to you on the 2017 provisional NCEA and UE attainment statistics, including breakdowns by gender, ethnicity, and decile band. This is the same day as the NCEA results are released to students.
17 January 2018	<p>Principal's Report (part 1) made available to all Principals of schools with NCEA participants via NZQA's Provider Login on the NZQA website.</p> <p>This is a summary of their own school's provisional NCEA and UE attainment statistics for 2017 using both the roll-based and participation-based measures and finalised results for the previous four years including a breakdown by gender and ethnicity. The report also includes literacy and numeracy, and certificate endorsement statistics. The corresponding provisional national results for the specific decile band that the school is situated in are also included in the report.</p> <p>This first stage of the report does not include the overall provisional national data for all students at this stage.</p>
Before the end of January 2018	Principal's Report (part 2) made available to all Principals of schools with NCEA participants including the overall provisional national level attainment statistics for all students by gender and ethnicity.
Early February 2018	Update to you on provisional NCEA and UE statistics based on an early February cut of the 2017 NCEA and UE results data.
5 April 2018	Joint NZQA/MOE report to you on 2017 final NCEA and UE attainment statistics.
11 April 2018	<p>NZQA to issue a press release on the final NCEA and UE statistics.</p> <p>NZQA to signal in the press release that 2017 is the last year for which NZQA will be reporting NCEA and UE attainment using the roll-based measure.</p> <p>Finalised NCEA and UE attainment data files made publicly available via the statistics section of the NZQA website.</p>
Mid-May 2018	Briefing and draft copy of the <i>Annual Report on NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics</i> provided to you.
End of May 2018	Release of the <i>Annual Report on NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics</i> .