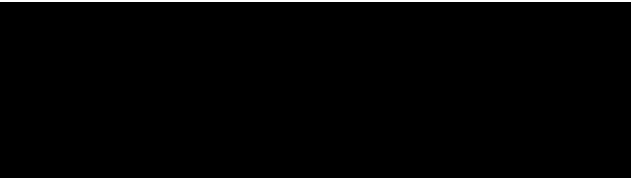


28 September 2020



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request – Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Training Centre)

Thank you for your request received on 7 September 2020, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

- (a) The date on which the Training Centre/Training Farm first applied to NZQA to be registered as a private training establishment.*
- (b) The date on which any such applications were first approved.*
- (c) The dates on which re-registration may have occurred.*
- (d) Confirmation of its status as at the time of liquidation.*

NZQA is responding as the legislated quality assurance organisation for the non-university sector.

(a) Application for registration as a Private Training Establishment

Wairarapa Cadet Training Farm was a body corporate when it applied to NZQA to be registered as a private training establishment (PTE) on 2 April 1991. It also changed its name to Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Taratahi) at this time.

(b) The date on which applications were first approved

This application was reviewed by NZQA and was ultimately approved on 25 June 1991 for a period of three years.

(c) Dates of re-registration

Taratahi applied for and was approved re-registration as a PTE in 1994.

(d) Status at time of liquidation

This registration continued until voluntary cancellation of Taratahi's registration on 11 June 2019, when it went into liquidation.

I attach copies of the following information covered by your request:

Title	Date	Pages
Application for registration of a private training establishment	2 April 1991	1
Review of application for registration as a PTE	25 June 1991	2-3
Approval of application for registration as a PTE	25 June 1991	4
Re-registration as a PTE	11 October 1994	5

As part of the commitment to open and transparent government, NZQA is proactively releasing responses to Official Information Act requests which are of public interest. NZQA intends to publish its response to this request on its website in October 2020. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED]

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Nāku nā



Dr Grant Klinkum
Pouwhakahaere/Chief Executive



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2 APR 1991

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REGISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PRIVATE TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT

PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Name of establishment:

Street address of establishment:

Telephone: Fax:

Postal address (if different):

Title of body corporate:

Address (if different):

Name of Manager:

Name and status of contact person (if different):

Street addresses of any additional teaching premises:

Released under Official Information Act 1982

Please attach the following documents:

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| • Evidence of body corporate status | Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Written statement of goals and purposes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Evidence of local authority approval to use the premises for educational purposes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • A copy of information available to students on standard fees, course costs and withdrawal and refund policies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Information on the establishment's standards of instruction, quality assurance policies and practices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please return this application form with the application fee of \$1,125 to:
 Manager Approval and Accreditation,
 New Zealand Qualifications Authority,
 Mana Matauranga Motuhake o Aotearoa,
 PO Box 160, Wellington. Phone (04) 850-459, Fax (04) 854-929

REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A PTE

REVIEWER: Judy Hellstrom

Name of Establishment: Taratahi Agricultural Training
Centre
Private Bag
Masterton

Contact: Mr Don Kelly
Manager

Body Corporate:

The "Wairarapa Cadet Training Farm Act, 1969" is enclosed with the application. This describes in detail the terms of reference for the use of the 'Wairarapa Training Farm' which was gifted to the Crown in 1919. Under the terms of the Act the farm is administered on behalf of the Crown by a Committee of Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Trust. Under the terms of the Act the Trust Board is constituted a body corporate. At the time of the registration visit the documentation outlining the change of name to Taratahi Agricultural Centre was presented.

Goals and Purposes:

There is a mission statement and set of goals provided with the application which clearly sets out educational aims. There is a relationship with Wairarapa Polytechnic involving funding for staffing and equipment. Underpinning the general goals are a set of values which focus on providing for equity of access and removal of barriers to completing a course of study (eg oral/written communication difficulties). Course evaluation processes are also covered in the overall corporate plan, as is moderation of assessment by liaison and consultation with other agricultural training centres.

Local Authority Approval:

The Wairarapa Training Farm Act as described above gives Crown approval to use the lands described in the schedule to the Act as a demonstration farm for teaching farm practice. This includes the buildings and property required for such teaching to occur. Under the terms of the Act the training farm is not to be sold or leased. To conclude, the Trust Board is declared to be a local authority under the Local Authorities Act 1968.

Staff:

A list of the staff, including non-teaching staff, is provided. The qualifications of the teaching staff are included, with full CV's also outlining experience.

Premises:

A general description of the premises is provided with the application. An inspection occurred at the visit,

and subsequently full diagrams of teaching areas were submitted.

Equipment:

Lists are supplied with the application for accreditation. The visit verified that the centre is well equipped for teaching.

Student Information:

A folder of relevant information as supplied to students is provided in the application. It contains information on courses, fees, staff, scholarships available, the Trust Board, rules and regulations, associated farms, as well as an application form. Separate brochures are provided for each course.

Withdrawals and Refunds:

There is a policy on withdrawals and refunds, giving 50% refund of fees if withdrawal occurs within 4 weeks of commencement of course. The 7 day clause was explained at the time of the visit and since then the Trust Board has made a policy statement (enclosed with file) putting such a policy into place. It is to be published on course information from now on.

General standards of instruction:

There is a clear indication, verified on the visit, that the criteria are being met here with regard to specific learning outcomes, assessment methods, course evaluation, moderation.

RECOMMENDATION:

As a result of both the material supplied with the application, and the visit to the centre on 11 June 1991, I recommend that the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre be registered as a private training establishment for a period of three years.

Judy Hellstrom
25/6/91



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
Mana Matauranga Motuhake o Aotearoa

25 June 1991

Mr Don Kelly
Manager
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre
Private Bag
MASTERTON

Dear Mr Kelly

Your application for registration was evaluated by Judy Hellstrom. Her report recommends that the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre be registered as a private training establishment for a period of three years from 1 July 1991.

Registration allows your organisation to advertise with the following words:

"Registered as a private training establishment by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority pursuant to the 1990 Education Amendment Act."

The registration is dependent upon your organisation maintaining the same standards as were demonstrated during the visit. If there are any changes you must advise NZQA immediately.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Dawe".

Barry Dawe
Manager Approvals and Accreditation

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11 October 1994

Nicola Morris
Chief Executive Officer
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre
RD 7
MASTERTON

Dear Nicola Morris

Thank you for your letter of 28 September about extending approval and accreditation for the approval and accreditation for the courses offered by Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre.

NZQA now has in place a system of review rather than reregistration, reapproval and reaccreditation. For that reason the status held by an organisation remains in place until it is removed by NZQA. We have no intentions of doing so with Taratahi.

However, I realise that you may need confirmation of a new expiry date for other reasons. To accommodate your needs I have extended your organisation's approvals and accreditations until February 1995. This is done on the understanding that the existing courses will be transferred in unit standard format as a matter of priority.

Yours sincerely

Barry Dawe
Manager Quality Assurance