**Key dates for submission of information to NZQA – September 2026**

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| Applications for delivery in 2027 | To help with your planning and processes for internal quality assurance, below are the recommended dates for submitting applications for programmes of study you want to deliver in 2027.<br><br>**Level 7 Diplomas**<br><br>Talk to your Approvals and Accreditation (A&A) contact for guidance before developing a new or revising an existing Level 7 Diploma.<br><br>**Programmes and micro-credentials at Levels 1 to 6**<br><br>You can submit applications at any time.<br><br>If you intend to be ready for delivery in Semester One 2027, we recommend you apply to us before 2 October 2026 for:<br><br>• new approval and accreditation for programmes at levels 1 to 6, or changes (Type 2) to existing programmes at levels 1 to 6<br>• new listing, approval and accreditation for micro-credentials, or changes to existing micro-credentials at levels 1 to 6<br>• accreditation to provide existing programmes or micro-credentials at levels 1 to 6<br>• changes to existing Programme (Transitional)<br><br>Call or email your A&A contact if you need more information, or e-mail Approvals_Accreditation@nzqa.govt.nz | As needed: dates below<br><br>Level 7 Diplomas: Talk to your A&A contact<br><br>Level 1-6 programmes and micro-credentials (including changes to them): 2 October 2026 |
| TEO self review – check your organisation's education sector log on | For TEOs scheduled to undertake self review from October 2026 onwards<br><br>Check when you are due to participate in TEO self-review | Anytime prior to starting your self review |

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| TEO self review information | TEOs must use their education sector log on (ESL) to access the portal. ESLs are managed by the Ministry of Education. We encourage TEOs to check that they have access to the NZQA provider portal using their ESL. Check with your organisation's delegated authoriser if you need ESL user access or contact the Education Service Desk at service.desk@education.govt.nz. | |
| Financial statement | From 2026, PTEs (that are not funded by the Tertiary Education Commission) who did not provide financial statements or an audit report in 2025:<br><br>With a financial year-end of 30 June 2026 | 30 November 2026 |
| Annual assurance reports | PTEs using a standard, static or bank bond trust mechanism for student fee protection must submit an annual assurance report<br><br>Find out who is exempt<br><br>PTEs with a financial year-end of 30 June 2026 | 30 November 2026 |
| Quarterly student fee protection attestation<br><br>Quarter ending 30 November 2026 | Providers, not exempt:<br>- static trusts<br>- bank bond trusts<br>Not required for standard trusts | **To NZQA** by 14 December 2026 |
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| Fit and Proper Person and Conflict of Interest declarations<br><br>Submit a new or amended declaration:<br>- before any new governing member starts<br>- if an existing governing member has a new or changed conflict of interest<br>- if an existing governing member has a change in their fit and proper person status<br><br>See Section 10 of the Education and Training Act 2020(external link) for the definition of governing member | PTEs only:<br>- applying for registration<br>- registered PTEs | As needed |