



## Report: VET Work-based Learning talking points for SOU 9 April 2025

To:	Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for Vocational Education		
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Date:	7/04/2025	Deadline:	8/04/2025
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### Why are we sending this to you?

- You are receiving this because you are taking the Cabinet paper 'A redesigned vocational education and training system – work-based learning options' to Social Outcomes (SOU) Cabinet Committee on 9 April 2025.
- This briefing provides you with a set of talking points and Q&As

### What action do we need, by when?

- Please indicate if you require additional talking points at your Tertiary Agencies meeting on 8 April 2025.

## Alignment with Government priorities

1. This report supports the redesign of the vocational education and training (VET) system, which is one of your priorities for the Vocational Education portfolio.

## Background

1. You are taking a Cabinet paper to the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU) on 9 April 2025. This fulfils December's Cabinet decision to undertake and report back on targeted consultation with key industry stakeholders [SOU-24-MIN-0174 refers].
2. We have prepared key messages to support you at SOU when you are invited to speak to your Cabinet paper.
3. We have also provided Q&As addressing some of the issues raised during agency and Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper.

## Next Steps

4. Your next Tertiary Officials meeting at 8.30am Tuesday, 8 April provide an opportunity for you to raise any questions you might have in relation to SOU and/or these talking points.

## Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

Annex 1: Talking Points – Key Messages

Annex 2: Talking Points – Reactive Questions and Answers

## Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** that Talking Points at **Annex 1** are to support your appearance at Social Outcomes Cabinet Committee on 9 April 2025 to present your Cabinet paper 'A redesigned vocational and education training system – Options for work-based learning'

**Noted**

### Proactive Release:

- b. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this paper once Cabinet decisions on the future of work-based learning have been announced, with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

**Agree / Disagree**

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Hon Penny Simmonds

**Minister for Vocational Education**

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