



Report: Approval to lodge June Cabinet Paper on Industry Skills Boards

To:	Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for Vocational Education		
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Date:	16/06/2025	Deadline:	17/06/2025
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Why are we sending this to you?

- You are taking a Cabinet paper on the number and coverage of Industry Skills Boards to the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 25 June 2025.

What action do we need, by when?

- We are seeking your approval to lodge the Cabinet paper titled Proposed number and coverage of Industry Skills Boards, including appendices.
- Please return the signed paper by 17 June 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

2. On Monday 16 June 2025 we provided you with a draft of your Cabinet paper Proposed number and coverage of Industry Skills Boards (ISBs), revised following ministerial and agency consultation [R 1349336 refers]. This included two appendices that summarised feedback to the Tertiary Education Commission's public consultation on this issue, and provided further information on the funding model for ISBs.
3. At your meeting with officials on 16 June 2025 you confirmed that you were comfortable with this version of the Cabinet paper and its appendices. We are now seeking formal approval to lodge this paper tomorrow morning, 17 June 2025, for consideration at the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee meeting on 25 June 2025.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **agree** to lodge the Cabinet Paper titled Proposed number and coverage of Industry Skills Boards and its appendices, as provided to you on 16 June 2025.

Agree / Disagree

Proactive Release:

- b. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this paper once Cabinet has decided on the number and coverage of Industry Skills Boards to be established, 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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