



## President's Comment 37

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Dear Colleagues

This week we had our final SPANZ Executive meeting for the year and one of our visitors, Bali Haque (NZQA), provided an update on NCEA developments. You may well be aware of some of the detail of these developments but Executive found it to be very useful to have a summary presentation of them as follows:

### 1. Standards Review

Level 1:

- Post consultation drafts for all Level 1 Achievement Standards are now on TKI.
- Assessment resources for these standards will be on TKI by May 2010 and this will include sample external assessments.
- Exemplars (including annotated exemplars for externals) will come out a bit later.
- Level 1 Standards will be registered by November 2010.

Level 2:

- Pre-consultation drafts on TKI by December 2009.
- Consultation (including standards and assessment resources) completed by August/September 2010.
- Post-consultation drafts on TKI December 2010.
- Final school planning drafts on TKI May 2011.
- Level 2 Standards registered by November 2011.

Level 3:

- Same pattern as for Level 2 but 1 year later with standards registered by November 2012.

The assessment resources being developed will be quality assured, well trialled and there will be two alternatives for each standard that has had significant change. There will also be 12 exemplars provided per standard that will assist with grade boundaries.

### 2. Literacy/Numeracy

Literacy/numeracy benchmarks will exist for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. The benchmarks will be arrived at either via specified Level 1 (Curriculum Level 6) standards or via non-curriculum literacy/numeracy Unit Standards. These Unit Standards will be at Curriculum Level 4/5 and the requirement will be for candidates to pass all 3 standards in literacy (10 credits) and the 3 standards in numeracy (10 credits).

### 3. Subject Endorsement

- Will be implemented at Level 1 in 2011, Level 2 in 2012 and Level 3 in 2012.
- Will require 14 merit or excellence credits with at least 3 credits from an external assessment.
- School developed subjects (eg forensic science) will require some form of ratification from NZQA.

It would be a good idea to check the understandings that your HODs have of these developments as they will be starting to think ahead to possible course structures for 2011 and beyond.

### SPANZ Union

A further meeting between SPANZ union officers and PPTA/NZSPC was held earlier this week to discuss protocols for joint bargaining.

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