# Quality and Standards: Cooperation across the ditch

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QANTAS
FOX SPORTS

Australian Government
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

NZQA
NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
MANA TOHU MATAURANGA O AOTEAROA
QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE WORLD
KIA NOHO TAKATŪ KI TŌ ĀMUA AO!

# MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between the

**New Zealand Qualifications Authority**

and the

**Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency, Australia**

This Memorandum of Cooperation is made between the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, of Level 13, 125 The Terrace, Wellington 6011, hereafter referr

and the

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency,[1] of Level 14 Victoria 3001, hereafter referred to as TEQSA.

**Recitals**

**Whereas:**
NZQA is a Crown entity established under section 248 of the / sets out its powers and functions. NZQA ensures that New Z valued as credible and robust both nationally and internationall delivering those qualifications are quality assured.

Under the Education Act 1989, NZQA is accountable for:

- Managing the New Zealand Qualifications Framework
- Setting quality assurance statutory rules, relating to orga the tertiary education sector
- Managing the New Zealand Qualifications Framework
- Independent quality assurance of non-university educatic
- Administering the secondary school national assessment
- Recognising qualifications for other jurisdictions

TEQSA was established under the *Tertiary Education Quality a 2011* as the independent, national regulatory and quality assur education sector in Australia. TEQSA contributes to a high qua

of the Memorandum. For particular areas of cooperation donor funding may be sought from other sources.

**Article VII**
**Schedule of projects and activities**
Specific details on any projects or other activities that are entered into under the terms of this Memorandum shall be negotiated and agreed by both parties and will be described in administrative schedules to be annexed to the Memorandum.

Dr Karen Poutasi
Chief Executive
New Zealand Qualifications Authority
../../ 2015

Professor Nicholas Saunders AO
Chief Commissioner
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency, Australia
27/8/ 2015

[1] Representing the Commonwealth of Australia

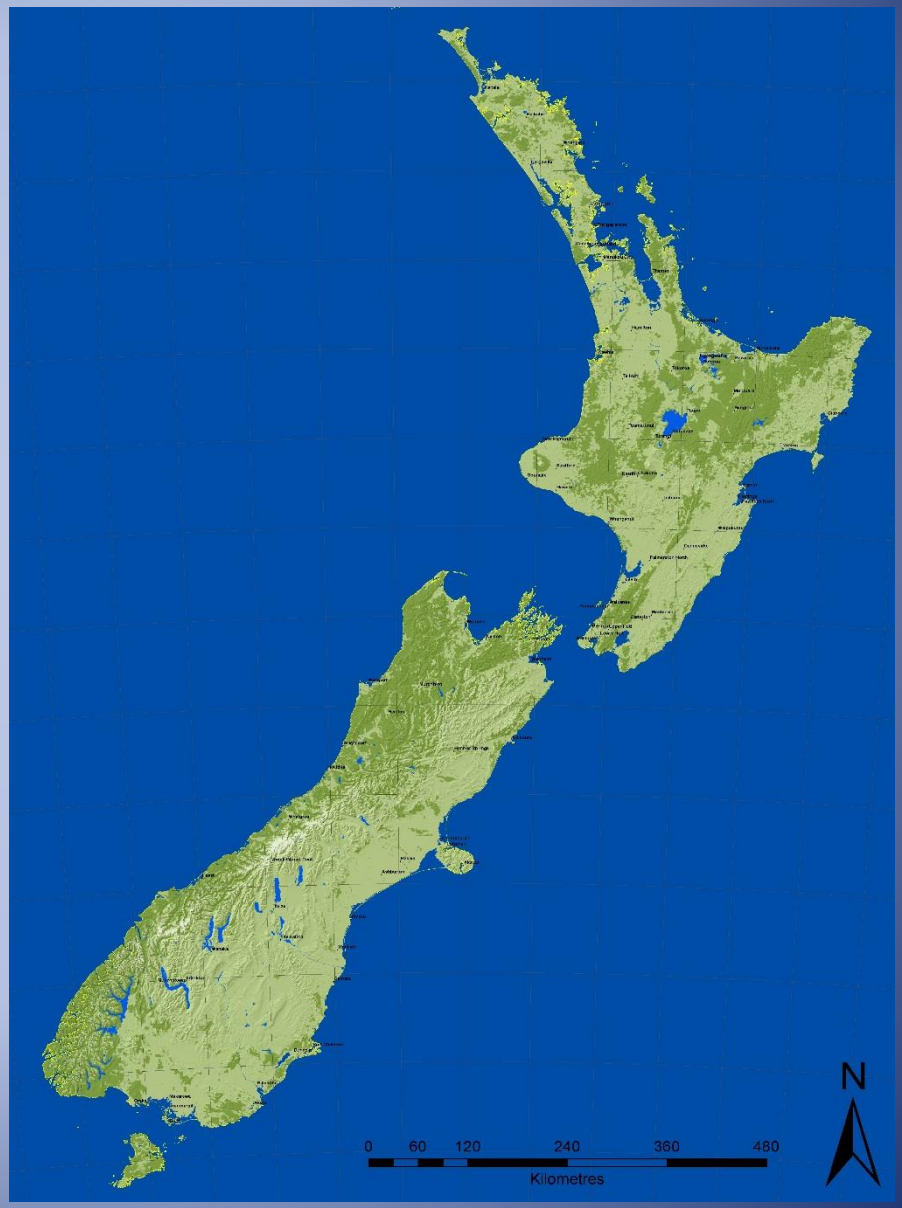
# New Zealand and the NZQA

## Our Sector Landscape

The Coolest Little Capital

# Tertiary Education in New Zealand

- 8 Universities
- 16 Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics
- 3 Wananga
- 11 Industry Training Organisations
- 499 registered Private Training Establishments
- 420,000 students were enrolled in tertiary programmes in 2015, including 61,400 international students
- 161,000 tertiary education qualifications completed in 2015; 22,500 by international students



# Australia and TEQSA

## The Sector Landscape

Protects the quality of education for higher education students in whatever location they are studying by ensuring that higher education providers meet the Threshold Standards

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# HIGHER EDUCATION

## AT A GLANCE[1,2]

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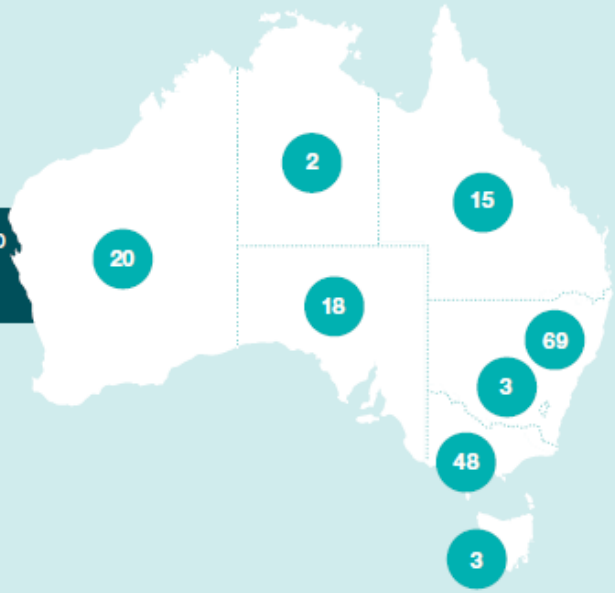
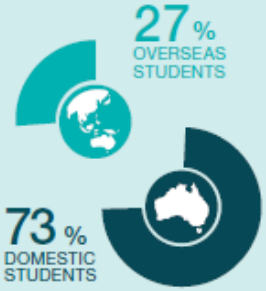
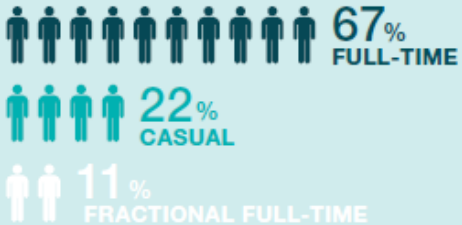



**178** PROVIDERS REGISTERED WITH TEQSA FOR ALL OR PART OF 2014

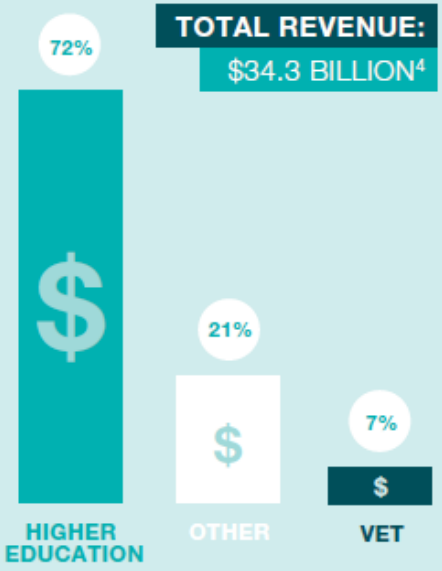
**STUDENTS 2014:**
986,084 EFTSL




**ACADEMIC STAFF 2014:**
58,649 FTE[3]




**TOTAL REVENUE:**
$34.3 BILLION[4]



# NZQA and TEQSA

## Similarities

Assurance of quality in higher education

Agreement to share information and expertise to further our assurance activity

# NZQA and TEQSA

## Differences

NZQA - Quality assurance of non-university tertiary education sector

TEQSA – regulate all of the higher education sector

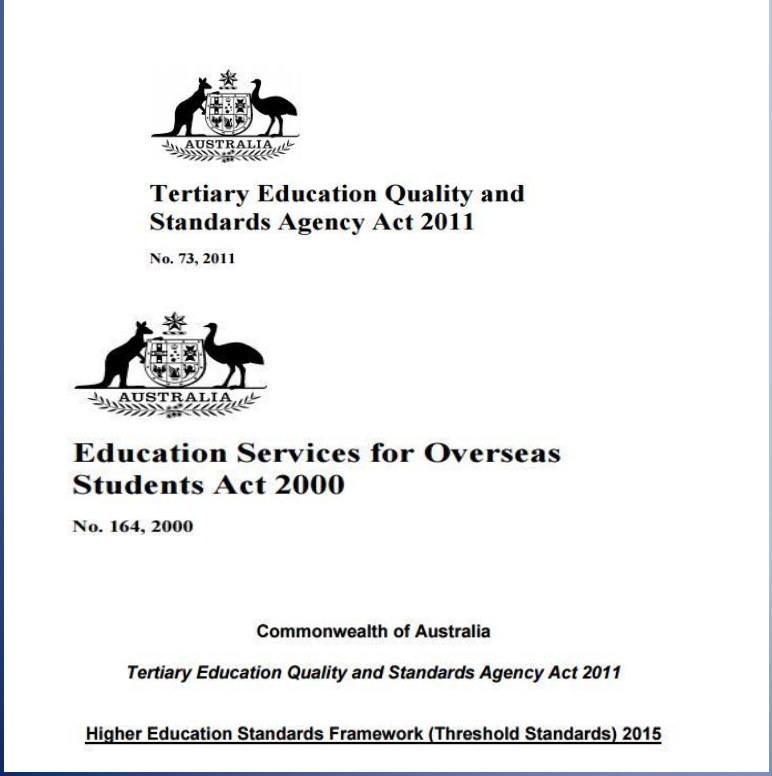
Processes and Costs

Structure of the two agencies

# Australia and New Zealand

## Similarities and Differences

## Regulatory Requirements



**Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011**

No. 73, 2011

**Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000**

No. 164, 2000

Commonwealth of Australia

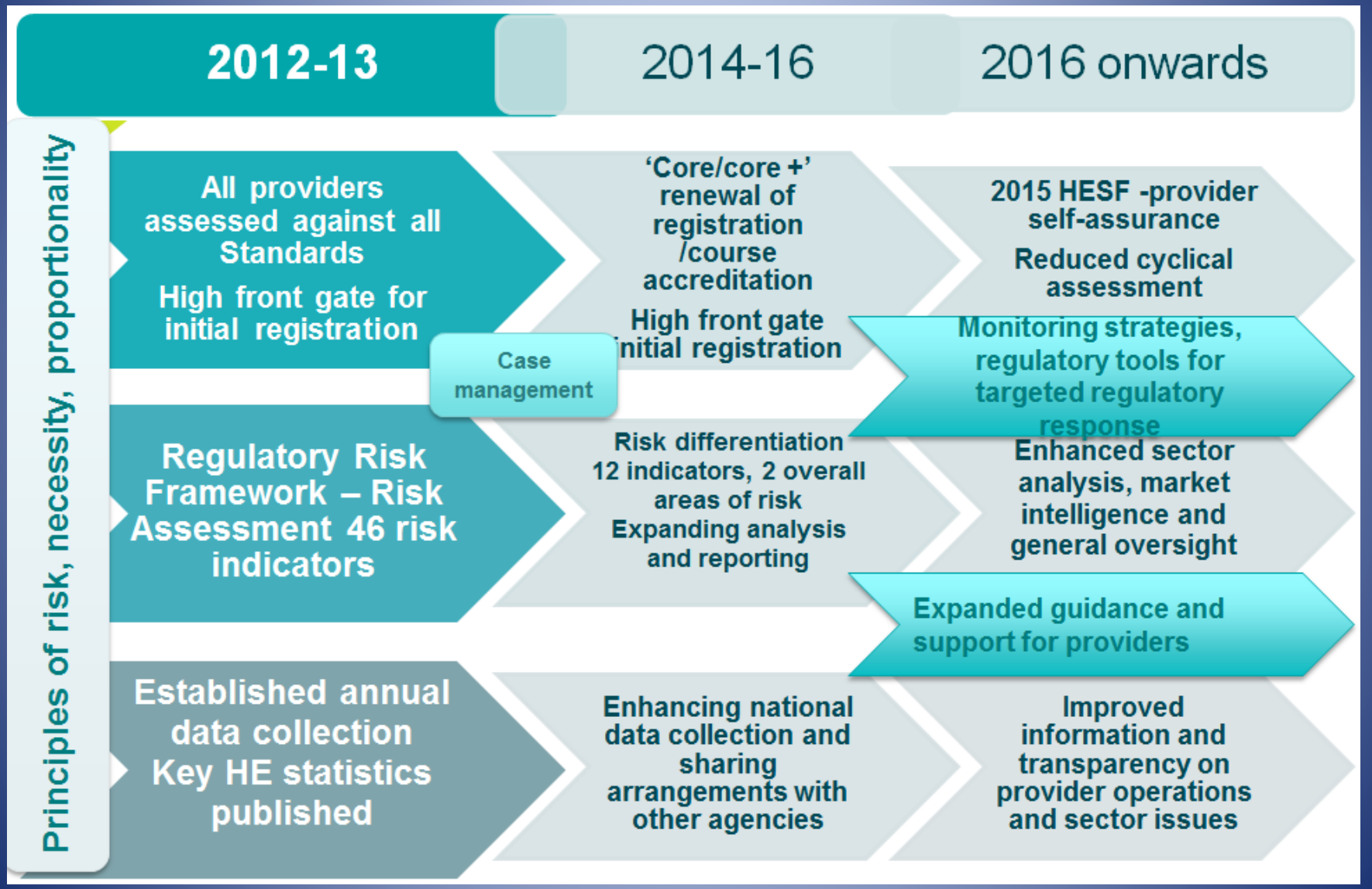
*Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011*

Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015

NZ Education Act 1989

Education (Update) Amendment Bill 2015

# TEQSA


2012-13
2014-16
2016 onwards
Principles of risk, necessity, proportionality
All providers assessed against all Standards
High front gate for initial registration
'Core/core +' renewal of registration /course accreditation
High front gate initial registration
2015 HESF -provider self-assurance
Reduced cyclical assessment
Case management
Monitoring strategies, regulatory tools for targeted regulatory response
Regulatory Risk Framework – Risk Assessment 46 risk indicators
Risk differentiation 12 indicators, 2 overall areas of risk Expanding analysis and reporting
Enhanced sector analysis, market intelligence and general oversight
Expanded guidance and support for providers
Established annual data collection Key HE statistics published
Enhancing national data collection and sharing arrangements with other agencies
Improved information and transparency on provider operations and sector issues

ASQA

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Provider Round Tables

Professional Accrediting Bodies

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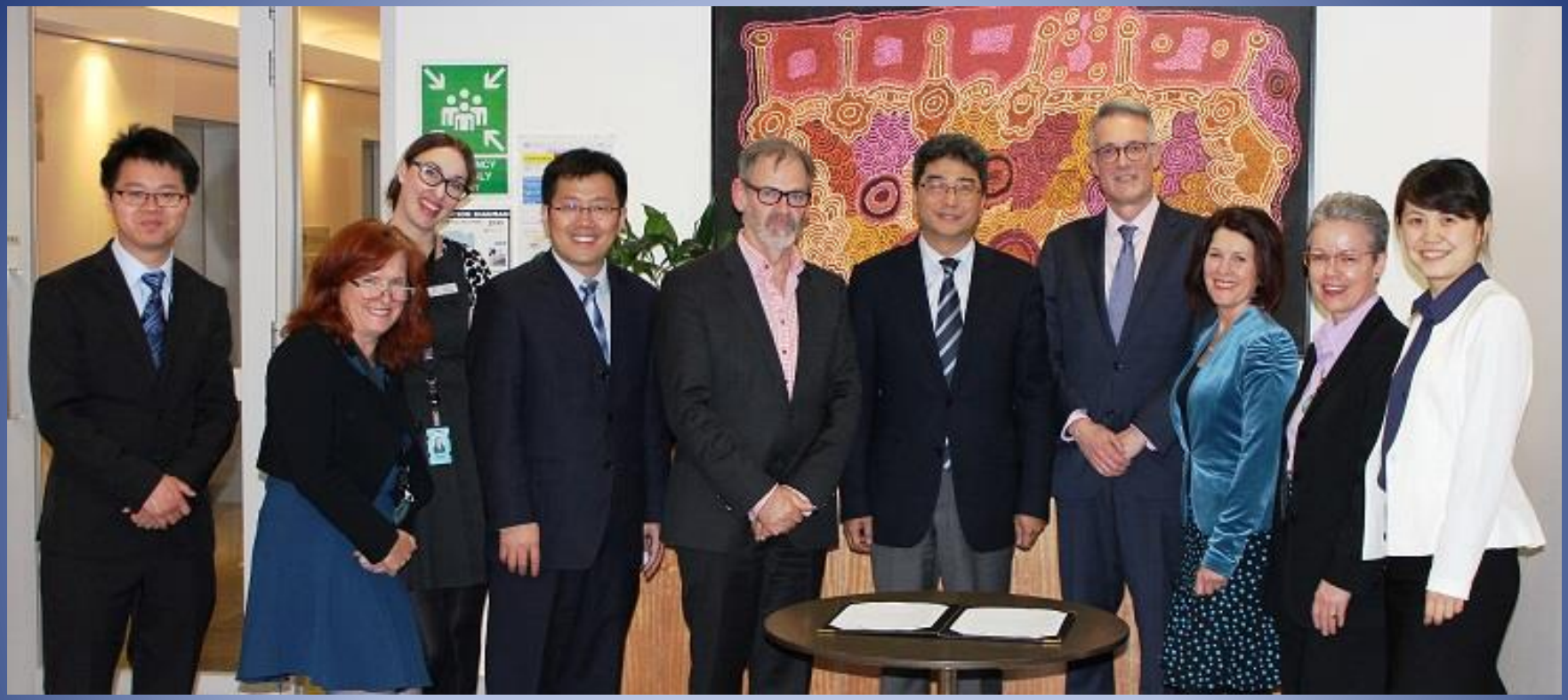

# International Regulatory Agencies

# NZQA Future Challenges

Global reach – transnational

Future state

# Expanding the Global Reach of the NZQF