Self-review Toolkit for Tertiary Education Providers

Tool A: gap analysis

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners)
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Learner Wellbeing and Safety



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If you are a provider with student accommodation or Code signatory, you can **insert additional** pages into this tool relating to Student Accommodation (Outcomes 5-7) and/or International Learners (Outcomes 8-12) after Outcome 4.

Use the links below to download any additional pages as required:

- Student Accommodation
- International Tertiary Learners

Organisational structures to support a whole-of-provider approach to learner wellbeing and safety

Outcome 1: A learner wellbeing and safety system

Providers must take a whole-of-provider approach to maintain a strategic and transparent learner wellbeing and safety system that responds to the diverse needs of their learners.

Phase in the gap analysis process:	PREPARE	MAKE SENSI		
Key required processes	Information we can gather to use as evidence of our compliance with this clause	COMPLIANT	GAP (in evidence)	GAP (in practice)
Process 1: Strategic goals and strategic plans Clause 7 (1). Providers must have strategic goals and strategic plans for supporting the wellbeing and safety of their learners across their organisation, including student accommodation, describing how they will — (a) give effect to the outcomes sought and processes required by this code; and	Policy in place – Under Review as per DAP plan. EER comments Board Strategic goals to align with College plan under development	Compliant		
(b) contribute to an education system that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supports Māori– Crown relations.	Policy – Under Review in partnership with the Student Council. Appointed Cultural Liaison	Compliant		

Clause 7 (2). Providers must — (a) regularly review their learner wellbeing and safety strategic goals and strategic plans as described in subclause (1); and	Review started in early 2024 and had been ongoing. In 2023 the College absorbed students from two other providers, hence the previous gap that has now been rectified. 2024 Newly built Code of Practice Site for Staff on SharePoint. With tracking system. Reporting from SELMA SMS has improved. Newly built Code of Practice pages in Moodle. Staff PD Student comms re the support available.	Complete	
(b) make amendments to their learner wellbeing and safety strategic goals and strategic plans within a reasonable timeframe following the review.	Newly developed Disabilities action plan Yes – via AA. Meeting minutes – AA and SAS Extensions, deferments, CTE, LOA, APR	Compliant	

Clause 7 (3). Providers must work proactively with learners and stakeholders (and document this work) when — (a) developing their learner wellbeing and safety strategic goals and strategic plans described in subclause (1); and	Student council. New Structure to Student Council with a Lead elected and a Coordinator to support. The SC will become more autonomous the Lead working with the CE and AD.		
(b) reviewing their learner wellbeing and safety strategic goals and strategic plans described in subclause (2).	To involve the SC in these developments as above.	Compliant	
Process 2: Self review of learner wellbeing and safety practices Clause 8 (1). Providers must use strategic goals and strategic plans described in clause 7(1) to regularly review the quality of their learner wellbeing and safety practices to achieve the outcomes and practices of this code, at a frequency or by a date determined by the code administrator.	In 2023 a gap was identified in strategic documentation. Gap addressed through the development of the LSP and DAP, early check-in during enrolment and the beginning the semester. SAS is now the Pastoral Care Team, with weekly meetings and ongoing communication regarding student needs and monitoring of student with additional needs. Improved tracking and reporting.	Compliant	
Clause 8 (2). Providers must review their learner wellbeing and safety practices using –	Via student council Student Voice survey available on LMS	Compliant	
(a) input from diverse learners and other stakeholders; and			

(b) relevant quantitative and qualitative data (including from learner complaints) that is, as far as practicable, and consistent with the provider's obligations under current privacy legislation, disaggregated by diverse learner groups.	Covered but not the focus of course feedback surveys. Email and anecdotal feedback 2024 Student Voice survey available on LMS	Compliant	
Clause 8 (3). Providers must, in a timely manner, following a review described in subclauses (1) and (2) take appropriate action to address any deficiencies in learner wellbeing and safety practices.	2024 Newly built Code of Practice Site for Staff on SharePoint. With tracking system. Reporting from SELMA SMS has improved. Newly built Code of Practice pages in Moodle. Staff PD Student comms re the support available. Newly developed Learner Success Plan Newly developed Disabilities action plan	Compliant	

Process 3: Publication requirements			
Clause 9.			
Providers must make the following information readily			
available, in accessible formats, to learners, staff and the			
general public, including on their websites (where available) –			
(a) strategic goals and strategic plans for supporting the			
wellbeing and safety of learners described in clause	2024 150 11 040 6	G 1:	
7(1); and	2024 – LSP and the DAP refer to	Compliant	
	those documents	C l': t	
(b) revisions to strategic goals and strategic plans for	As previous see LSA and DAP	Compliant	
supporting the wellbeing and safety of learners			
described in clause $7(2)$; and			
(c) self-review reports on the quality of their learner	Ongoing review in place	Compliant	
wellbeing and safety practices described in clause 8.			
3 /1	Selma notes on individual	Compliant	
Process 4: Responsive wellbeing and safety systems	students	Compliant	
Classes 40 (4)	Student council		
Clause 10 (1). Providers must gather and communicate relevant	Pastoral care processes		
information across their organisation (including student	SharePoint Pastoral Care site for		
accommodation) and from relevant stakeholders to	information out to staff and		
accurately identify emerging concerns about learners'	tracking of students with		
wellbeing and safety or behaviour and take all reasonable	additional needs, Academic staff		
steps to connect learners quickly to culturally appropriate social, medical, and mental health services.	debriefing meetings and the Code		
sociai, medicai, and mentai nealun services.	Team meetings		

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Clause 10 (2).	Current Education Perfect course	Ongoing
Providers must provide staff with ongoing training and	SharePoint site and Moodle	Compliant
resources tailored to their roles in the organisation, in		
relation to –	Te Tiriti o Waitangi policy is	
	currently in review with the	
(a) Te Tiriti o Waitangi; and	newly established Cultural Liaison	
(b) the provider's obligations under this code; and	PD completed this year across all staff	Compliant
		Compliant
	Review the interview questions and enrolment form indication of	Compliant
	additional needs.	
	Developed SharePoint and	
(c) understanding the welfare issues of diverse learner	Moodle.	
groups and appropriate cultural competencies; and	Provided specific staff training on	
	Te Tiriti o Waitangi and	
	Neurodiversity	
	Reliant on students coming	
	forward with their needs	
	Additional needs register	
(d) identifying and timely reporting of incidents of racism,	Complaints policy has been	Compliant
discrimination, and bullying; and	reviewed and consultation with	
discrimination, and bunying, and	Student Council	
(e) physical and sexual violence prevention and response,	Policy – to review	ln en
including how to support a culture of disclosure and		development
reporting; and		
	Privacy policy	Compliant
(f) privacy and safe handling of personal information; and	Risk management	
	Handling of client information	

(g) referral pathways (including to local service providers) and escalation procedures; and	External counselling. Internal referral - student progress reports	Compliant	
(h) identifying and timely reporting of incidents and concerning behaviours; and	Students freely disclose (rare - interactions with CLs) Communication via absence notifications - improved the system as a result of review.	Compliant Under review	
 (i) wellbeing and safety awareness and promotion topics including – i. safe health and mental health literacy and support; and ii. suicide and self-harm awareness; and iii. promoting drug and alcohol awareness; and iv. promoting healthy lifestyles for learners. 	 i. In course content - website ii. In course content - clinic iii. In course content - Public Health iv. In course content from PPNM and via Paua Clinic v. The level 5 Public Health course covers all of these items, it is very comprehensive. 	Compliant	
Clause 10 (3). Providers must have plans for assisting learners, and responding effectively, in emergency situations in the learning or residential community (whether localised or more widespread), including — (a) making these plans readily available to learners when they begin their study; and	Move to online is rapid in an emergency response. Improved H&S procedures and training. Regular fire drills	Compliant	
(b) ensuring that there are suitably prepared staff members available to be contacted by a learner, or learners, in the event of an emergency; and	Procedures in place for some. Good first aid coverage. Good H&S training After hour response.	Compliant Under review	College mobile?

(c) co-ordinating decision-making across the property when responding to emergencies; and	rovider Often do as a case-by-case	Compliant Under review
(d) disseminating timely, accurate, consistent, a accessible information to learners and staff emergencies; and	Incident flow chart in	Compliant Under review
 (e) ensuring all relevant staff are aware of the i imminent danger to a learner or others and action they can reasonably provide to help safe; and 	sufficient knowledge on mental	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
(f) keeping a regularly updated critical incident emergencies procedures manual which guid involved in emergency situations which con immediate and ongoing actions required inc. i. engaging with relevant government (e.g. the New Zealand Police, Minis Health, New Zealand Qualifications Tertiary Education Commission); a ii. the follow-up de-briefing processes all learners and relevant staff; and	des staff atains the cluding — agencies stry of s Authority, and	Compliant Under review
(g) recording critical incidents and emergencies reporting these back annually (at an aggregated by and, as far as practicable, disaggregated by dearner groups) to provider management, learner stakeholders, and the code administration	ate level diverse earners, Process for incidents to be reported monthly to Academic Board. Process for Clinic.	Under review

Outcome 2: Learner voice

Providers understand and respond to diverse learner voices and wellbeing and safety needs in a way that upholds their mana and autonomy.

Phase in the gap analysis process:	PREPARE	MAKE SENSE	Ē	
	Information we can gather to use	COMPLIANT	GAP	GAP
Key required processes	as evidence of our compliance		(in evidence)	(in practice)
	with this clause			
Dungana 4. Languaguarian	Student council review and more	Compliant		
Process 1: Learner voice	autonomous.			
Clause 12.	Additional needs register –			
Providers must have practices for –	completed.			
'	Student Hub on the LMS to be			
(a) proactively building and maintaining effective	developed			
relationships with diverse learner groups within their	Tauira hub to be reviewed			
organisation; and	Recruiting Maori liaison person –			
	completed			
	Student council	Compliant		
(b) working with diverse learners and their communities	Additional needs register			
to develop, review, and improve learner wellbeing and	Individual meetings with students.			
safety strategic goals, strategic plans and practices; and	Refer to LSA and DAP			
	PD with Staff – ongoing			
	Student council – key to this	Compliant		
(c) providing formal and informal processes for actively	Open door policy			
hearing, engaging with, and developing the diverse	New feedback mechanism on the			
range of learner voices and those of their	LMS			
communities; and	Student Feedback Review			

(d) providing timely and accessible resources to learners to support them and their learner communities to develop the necessary skills to enable them to participate fully in decision-making processes; and	Academic Success programme Staff availability - Academic Director, Library Manager, Pastoral care staff, Student council	Compliant
 (e) providing timely and accessible information to learners to increase transparency of providers' decision-making processes. 	Student handbook Course guidelines Orientation Forum notices Build Student Hub on LMS	Compliant
Process 2: Learner complaints Clause 13. Providers must –	Evidence is how readily individuals will seek help. The policy and procedures are in development and consultation.	Compliant Under review
 (a) work with learners to effectively respond to, and process complaints (including appropriate engagement with support people); and 		
(b) inform learners on how the complaint will be handled and how it is progressing; and	Policy, procedures. Communicated to those involved and BOD	Compliant
(c) handle complaints in a timely and efficient way, including having practices that —	2023 Mould issue in clinic - resolved	Compliant
 i. are appropriate to the level of complexity or sensitivity of the complaint; and ii. consider the issues from a cultural perspective; and iii. include the provision of culturally responsive approaches that consider traditional processes 	2024 – Cultural Liaison services contracted to support students and staff concerns. Regular meetings with CE, policy review. Regular meetings with AD new tracking of student issues.	

for raising and resolving issues (for example, restorative justice); and iv. comply with the principles of natural justice; and	New policy		
 (d) ensure that the complaints process is easily accessible to learners (and those supporting them), including having practices for – providing learners with clear information on how to use the internal complaints processes (including the relevant people to contact), and the scope and possible outcomes of the processes; and 	2024 review and development Student handbook Student Voice Feedback on Moodle Moodle under Policies Orientation	Compliant	
 ii. addressing barriers to accessing this information (for example, due to language, lack of internet access, fear of reprisal, desire for anonymity), such as providing alternative ways of raising a complaint; and 	New policy and procedures Student Voice Feedback on Moodle	Compliant	
iii. providing an opportunity for a support person or people (who can be chosen by the learner) to guide and support the learner through the complaints process; and	Yes – part of policy – offered when formal meetings are set up. Cultural liaison available where requested.	Compliant	
iv. providing the opportunity for groups of learners to make joint complaints; and	Specify in policy and procedure	Complaint Under review	
(e) record complaints; and	Appeals and Complaints Committee Management If escalated BOD	Compliant	

(f) report annually to provider management, learners, other stakeholders, and the code administrator (including on provider websites where available) on – i. the number and nature of complaints made and their outcomes (at an aggregate level and, as far as practicable, disaggregated by diverse learner groups); and ii. learner experience with the complaints process and the outcome of their complaint; and	Student Support tracker SELMA Appeals and Complaints Committee tracker	Compliant Under review	
(g) promote and publicise complaint and dispute resolution processes available to learners including, but not limited to, the provider's internal complaints process, the education quality assurance agency complaints process, the code administrator's complaints process, and the Dispute Resolution Schemes; and	In student handbook On Moodle Students are told when a meeting is organised or for academic complaints	Compliant Under review	
 (h) advise learners, on the next steps available to them if the provider does not accept the complaint (or the learner or provider perceives that the provider does not have the cultural competency to deal with it), or the learner is not satisfied that the provider has made adequate progress towards resolving the complaint, or the learner is not satisfied with the provider's internal complaints process or outcome, including – i. how to seek resolution of a contractual or financial dispute by way of a complaint or referral to an appropriate body or agency depending on the subject matter of the dispute, for example, the code administrator, 	As per policy and procedures.	Compliant Under review	

the Dispute Resolution Scheme, the Disputes Tribunal, the Human Rights Commission or the Ombudsman; and ii. how to make a complaint to the code administrator if a learner believes that the provider is failing to meet the outcomes or requirements of this code.			
Process 3: Compliance with the Dispute Resolution Scheme Clause 14. Providers must ensure they are familiar with the relevant Dispute Resolution Scheme rules for domestic and international learners and ensure compliance with those rules in a dispute to which it is party.	In policy and procedures	Compliant Under review	

Wellbeing and safety practices for all tertiary providers

Outcome 3: Safe, inclusive, supportive, and accessible physical and digital learning environments

Providers must foster learning environments that are safe and designed to support positive learning experiences of diverse learner groups.

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	Information we can gather to use	COMPLIANT	GAP	GAP
Key required processes	as evidence of our compliance		(in evidence)	(in practice)
	with this clause			
Process 1: Safe and inclusive communities	Policy	Compliant		
	Pastoral Care policy and			
Clause 16 (1).	supporting documents			
Providers must have practices for -	Student reps			
	SharePoint build for staff			
(a) reducing harm to learners resulting from discrimination,	LMS Moodle build for students			
racism (including systemic racism), bullying, harassment				
and abuse; and				
(b) working with learners and staff to recognise and	Pastoral care posters	Compliant &		
respond effectively to discrimination racism (including	In policy and procedures	Ongoing		
systemic racism), bullying, harassment and abuse; and	On SharePoint and LMS			
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Events – immersion, orientation,	Compliant &		
	Student Council	Ongoing		
(c) promoting an inclusive culture across the learning	Cultural Liaison	0.180.118		
environment; and	On SharePoint and LMS			
(d) upholding the cultural poods and aspirations of all	Cultural day	Compliant &		
 (d) upholding the cultural needs and aspirations of all groups throughout the learning environment; and 	,	Ongoing		
groups throughout the learning environment, and				

(e) providing all learners with information — i. that supports understanding, acceptance, and connection with all learners, and collective responsibility for an inclusive learning environment; an ii. about the cultural, spiritual, and community supports available to them; and	Student handbook Orientation On the LMS	Compliant & Ongoing
(f) providing learners with accessible learning environments where they can connect with others, build relationships, support each other, and welcome their friends, families, and whānau.	Access through Microsoft teams Spaces on-campus for private meetings On the LMS Immersion Day College Liaison - Grad chats Student Voice Survey Expo day Community courses	Compliant & Ongoing
Process 2: Supporting learner participation and engagement	Class discussion Student council Course feedback - surveys	Compliant & Ongoing
Clause 17 (1).	On the LMS	
Providers must provide learners with opportunities to — (a) actively participate and share their views safely in their learning environment; and	Immersion Day College Liaison - Grad chats Create a dynamic learning environment	
(b) connect, build relationships and develop social, spiritual and cultural networks; and	College events – as above Paua Clinic access	Compliant & Ongoing
(c) use te reo and tikanga Māori to support Māori learners' connection to identity and culture.	Casual use in class Bilingual signs for job roles Cultural Liaison	Continuous improvement

	Staff PD		
Clause 17 (2). Providers must have practices for supporting learners through their studies, including — (a) enabling learners to prepare and adjust for tertiary study, and	NZ Cert Academic Success programme Learning Support Agreement CL and support from other staff – LM Refer to the learner success plan and the disabilities action plan	Compliant	
(b) maintaining appropriate oversight of learner achievement and engagement; and	Attendance procedures and follow-up Academic Admin and Student Progression meetings	Compliant	
(c) providing the opportunity for learners to discuss, in confidence, any issues that are affecting their ability to study and providing learners with a response to their issues; and	Pastoral care meetings Learner support agreement meetings Clinic progress meetings Clinic mentor	Compliant	
(d) providing learners with advice on pathways for further study and career development, where appropriate.	Study pathways Availability of ESP and AD College liaison Grad Chats Alumni Association	Compliant	
Process 3: Physical and digital spaces and facilities	Fire surveys Building WoF	Compliant	
Clause 18. Providers must have practices for—	Resolution of mould issues Building repairs and maintenance		
(a) providing healthy and safe learning environments; and			

(b) identifying and, where possible, removing access barriers to provider facilities and services; and	Zoom recordings and classes LMS	Compliant	
(c) involving learners in the design of physical and digital environments when making improvements; and	Consultation with the Student Council Student Voice Survey Course Feedback Ideas board in Cheal	Compliant	
(d) engaging with Māori and involving Māori in the design of physical and digital environments where appropriate.	Māori consultation for development of new programmes Consultation with the Student Council Student Voice Survey Course Feedback Ideas board in Cheal	Compliant	

Outcome 4: Learners are safe and well

Providers must support learners to manage their physical and mental health through information and advice, and identify and respond to learners who need additional support.

Phase in the gap analysis process:	PREPARE	MAKE SENSI		
Key required processes	Information we can gather to use as evidence of our compliance with this clause (a) Financial support on	COMPLIANT Compliant &	GAP (in evidence)	GAP (in practice)
Process 1: Information for learners about assistance to meet their basic needs.	occasions – limited Referral	Ongoing		
Clause 20 (1). Providers must have practices for enabling all learners and prospective learners to identify and manage their basic needs (the essential material requirements to support wellbeing and safety including housing, food and clothing), including providing accurate, timely and tailored information on how they can — (a) access services through the provider or through community and public services that will help them maintain reasonable standards of material wellbeing and safety; and (b) access suitable accommodation and understand their rights and obligations as a tenant in New Zealand; and (c) maintain a healthy lifestyle.	 (b) Promote some places for casual accommodation (c) In course material; support through Paua Clinic (d) Food basket consultation with Student Council (e) Student Council meetings 			

Clause 20 (2). If food is made available by the provider on campus or in student accommodation, the provider must ensure that the food available includes a range of healthy food options that is obtainable at a reasonable cost.	N/A Healthy food options provided when catering events Food basket consultation with Student Council Part of the curriculum	Compliant	
Process 2: Promoting physical and mental health awareness Clause 21. Providers must have practices for — (a) providing opportunities and experiences for learners that improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing and safety; and	Invited to use physical space for exercise Garden In course material – assessment in PPNM and Mindbody Stationary bikes in Cheal and Library	Compliant	
(b) promoting awareness of practices that support good physical and mental health that are credible and relevant to learners; and	Delivered in curriculum Noticeboard Cheal	Compliant	
(c) supporting learners' connection to their language, identity, and culture; and	Policy and procedures Culture day	Compliant	
(d) providing accurate, timely information and advice to learners about — i. how they can access medical and mental health services through the provider or through community and public services, including culturally responsive services; and ii. how they can report health and safety concerns they have for their peers; and iii. how to respond to an emergency and engage	On request and case-by-case Referrals to contracted counsellors Use of CSSF Paua Clinic Access LMS Learning support agreement meetings Pastoral Care	Compliant	

with relevant government agencies; and iv. how they can make positive choices that enhance their wellbeing.	Policy and procedures	
Process 3: Proactive monitoring and responsive wellbeing and safety practices.	Enrolment information On SMS – SELMA	Compliant
Clause 22 (1). Providers must have practices for –		
 (a) requesting that domestic learners 18 years and over provide a name and up-to-date contact details of a nominated person; and 		
(b) describing the circumstances in which the nominated person referred to in paragraph (a) should be contacted in relation to their wellbeing and safety; and	Yes – policy Enrolment information Policy and procedures SELMA - SMS	Compliant
(c) contacting the person nominated by domestic learners 18 years and over, in the circumstances described in accordance with paragraph (b), or where the provider has reasonable grounds for believing that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious threat to the student's life or health; and	Arises only rarely. ESP has contacted next-of-kin Policy and procedures	Compliant
(d) enabling learners to communicate health and mental health needs with staff in confidence, including accommodation staff, so that the provider can proactively offer them support; and	Enrolment process Additional needs register SharePoint tracker Yes – pastoral care appointments	Compliant
(e) providing opportunities for learners to raise concerns about themselves or others in confidence; and	Enrolment Policy and procedures Student Voice feedback	Compliant

(f) identifying learners at risk and having clear and appropriate pathways for assisting them to access services when they need it; and	Policy and procedures for Enrolment Student progress Concerns raised by fellow students Student Voice feedback New section in the Enrolment Form as per TEC requirements	Compliant
(g) identifying learners who are at risk of harming others, and i. having clear and appropriate pathways for assisting them to access services when they need it; and	Policy and procedures SharePoint LMS Pastoral care team	Compliant
ii. protecting learners and staff who experience harm from other learners and/or staff, including sexual assault; and	Policy and procedures SharePoint LMS	Compliant
(h) making arrangements with disabled learners or those affected by health and wellbeing difficulties to accommodate learning needs, including for study off-campus; and	Additional needs register Special arrangements for assessments Disabled carpark & toilet; ramp Monitored through enrolment	Compliant
(i) responding to disruptive and threatening behaviour in a way that is sensitive to a learner's situation; and	Policy and procedures Student Code of Conduct	Compliant
(j) supporting learners whose study is interrupted due to circumstances outside their control, and providing inclusive, accessible re-entry processes for their transition back into tertiary study.	LoA procedures Pastoral care	Compliant

Clause 22 (2). Providers must have up-to-date contact details and next of kin for domestic tertiary learners under 18 and international tertiary learners.	SMS - SELMA	Compliant
Clause 22 (3). Providers must contact the next of kin for domestic tertiary learners under 18 years and international tertiary learners if there is concern regarding the wellbeing or safety of a learner.	SMS - SELMA	Compliant
Clause 22 (4). Providers must maintain a record of reported risks, including any concerns raised in relation to the effective administration of this code.	SMS - SELMA Meeting minutes	Compliant

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- All Tertiary Education Providers
- Student Accommodation

Additional wellbeing and safety practices for tertiary providers (signatories) enrolling international learners

Outcome 8: Responding to the distinct wellbeing and safety needs of international tertiary learners

Signatories must ensure that practices under this code respond effectively to the distinct wellbeing and safety needs of their diverse international tertiary learners.

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Key required processes	Information we can gather to use	COMPLIANT	GAP	GAP
	as evidence of our compliance		(in evidence)	(in practice)
	with this clause			
Process 1:	Policy Pastoral Care policy and	Compliant		
Clause 35.	supporting documents			
Signatories must engage with diverse international tertiary	(Part 5 – N/A)			
learners to understand their wellbeing and safety needs under the outcomes of Parts 3, 4 and 5 of this code.				

Outcome 9: Prospective international tertiary learners are well informed

Signatories ensure that prospective international tertiary learners receive clear, accessible, accurate and sufficient information, and make informed choices about the study and services a signatory provides before they begin their study.

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	as evidence of our compliance		(in evidence)	(in practice)
	with this clause			
Process 1: Marketing and promotion	Website pages	Compliant		
e. 27	International Student handbook	Under review		
Clause 37. Each signatory must have marketing and promotion practices, that include —	Social media promotion			
 (a) proactively seeking to understand the information needs of prospective international tertiary learners; and 				
(b) developing and providing information to prospective international tertiary learners and reviewing the information to ensure it is kept up to date; and	Website pages International Student handbook Social media promotion	Compliant Under review		

(c) ensuring that prospective international tertiary learners receive, as a minimum, up-to-date accessible and timely information about the following –	Website pages International Student handbook And other documentation	Compliant Under review	
 i. the signatory's quality assurance evaluations; and ii. the educational instruction, staffing, facilities, and equipment available to international tertiary learners; and iii. the Dispute Resolution Scheme; and iv. potential learning outcomes for international tertiary learners, including pathways for further study, employment, and residency where applicable; and v. estimated study and living costs for international tertiary learners, including any additional fees or levies that are on top of the basic tuition fee; and vi. accommodation and transport, or ways to obtain such information. 			
Process 2: Managing and monitoring education agents Clause 38. Signatories must have practices for effectively managing and monitoring the performance and conduct of education agents in relation to learner safety and wellbeing under this code, including —	Agent contracts	Compliant Under review	
 (a) carrying out and recording reference checks on potential education agents to ensure as far as possible that they are not involved in any conduct that is false, misleading, deceptive, or in breach of the law; and 			

(b) entering into written contracts with each of its education agents; and	Agent contracts	Compliant Under review		
(c) during the term of a contract, monitoring the activities and performance of its education agents in relation to — i. their obligations as specified in the contract; and ii. whether they provide prospective and enrolled international tertiary learners with reliable information and advice about studying, working, and living in New Zealand; and iii. whether they act with integrity and professionalism in their dealings with prospective and enrolled international tertiary learners; and iv. whether they have engaged in any activity or conduct that, in the opinion of the signatory, is or may be in breach of the law or that jeopardises the signatory's compliance with this code; and	Agent contract (N/A – one contract in place but no enrolments through agents)		In development	
i. terminating contracts with an agent if there is evidence which, on balance of probabilities, shows that the education agent a. has been involved in any serious, deliberate, or ongoing conduct that is false, misleading, deceptive, or in breach of the law; or b. has jeopardised the signatory's compliance with this code; or	Agent contract (N/A – one contract in place but no enrolments through agents)		In development	

ii. taking appropriate action to address misconduct by act or an omission by an education agent in relation to the other matters described in subclause (c); and			
 (e) ensuring that its education agents have access to, and maintain, up-to-date information relevant to their duties as specified in the contracts with the signatory. 	Website International Student Handbook	Compliant Under review	

Outcome 10: Offer, enrolment, contracts, insurance and visa

Signatories must have practices for enabling learners to make well-informed enrolment decisions in relation to the educational outcomes being sought by the learner and ensuring that all relevant parties are clear about their interests and obligations prior to entering into the enrolment contract.

Phase in the gap analysis process:	PREPARE	MAKE SENSE		
	Information we can gather to use	COMPLIANT	GAP	GAP
Key required processes	as evidence of our compliance		(in evidence)	(in practice)
	with this clause			
Process 1: Offer of educational instruction	Enrolment criteria	Compliant		
1 rocess 1. Other of educational histraction	Documentation gathered on			
Clause 40.	enrolment			
Signatories must ensure that the educational instruction	Applicant Interview			
offered to international tertiary learners is in accordance				
with the Act and is appropriate for international tertiary				
learners' expectations, English language proficiency, academic				
ability, and the educational outcomes being sought.				

Process 2: Information to be provided before	Website	Compliant	
entering contract	International Students handbook	Under review	
	Relevant policies		
Clause 41 (1).			
Signatories must have practices that ensure prospective			
international tertiary learners (or the parents or legal			
guardian of international students under 18 years) receive, as			
a minimum, accurate, timely and tailored information about			
the following before entering into a contract with the			
learner –			
(a) the most recent results of their evaluations by			
education quality assurance agencies; and			
(b) quality improvement or compliance notices and			
conditions imposed under the Act that the code			
administrator directs must be disclosed to			
prospective international tertiary learners; and			
(c) the education provided and its outcome, for example,			
whether a qualification is granted; and			
(d) refund conditions that comply with the process in			
clause 46; and			
(e) staffing, facilities, and equipment; and			
(f) available services and supports; and			
(g) insurance and visa requirements for receiving			
educational instruction from the signatory; and			
(h) this code and the relevant Dispute Resolution Scheme			
Rules; and			
(i) full costs related to an offer of educational			
instruction.			

Clause 41 (2). Each signatory must ensure that, before entering into a contract of enrolment or enrolling with the signatory, each international tertiary learner (or the parents or legal guardian of international students under 18 years) is informed of the learner's rights and obligations in relation to receiving educational instruction from the signatory, including the rights under this code.	Website International Students handbook Enrolment information	Compliant	
Process 3: Contract of enrolment Clause 42 (1). Each signatory must ensure that a contract of enrolment is entered into between the signatory and each international tertiary learner (or the parents or legal guardian of international students under 18 years) that includes the following information and terms — (a) clear information about the beginning and end dates of enrolment; and (b) the grounds for terminating the contract of enrolment; and (c) the circumstances under which the learner's conduct may be in breach of the contract of enrolment; and (d) the type of disciplinary action short of termination of the contract of enrolment, that may be taken by the signatory against the student (for example suspension or exclusion); and (e) the process that the signatory must follow when seeking to terminate the contract of enrolment under paragraph (b) or to take disciplinary action under paragraph (d).	Enrolment information and documentation	Compliant	

Clause 42 (2). Each signatory must ensure that the contract of enrolment is fair and reasonable.	Policy Documentation	Compliant	
Process 4: Disciplinary action	Policy Documentation	Compliant	
Clause 43. Any process undertaken under clause 42(1)(e) for terminating the contract of enrolment under clause 42(1)(b) or for taking disciplinary action under clause 42(1)(d) must be in accordance with the principles of natural justice (which includes those necessary to ensure the prompt, considered, and fair resolution of the matter that is the subject of the action).			

Process 5: Insurance	Enrolment process	Compliant	
Clause 44 (1). Each signatory must have practices that ensure, as far as practicable, each international tertiary learner who is enrolled with the signatory for educational instruction of 2 weeks' duration or longer has appropriate insurance covering — (a) the international tertiary learner's travel — i. to and from New Zealand; and ii. within New Zealand; and iii. if the travel is part of the educational instruction, outside New Zealand; and (b) medical care in New Zealand, including diagnosis, prescription, surgery, and hospitalisation; and (c) repatriation or expatriation of the international tertiary learner as a result of serious illness or injury, including cover of travel costs incurred by family members assisting repatriation or expatriation; and (d) death of the international tertiary learner, including cover of — i. travel costs of family members to and from New Zealand; and ii. costs of repatriation or expatriation of the body; and	Enrolment process Applicant documentation	Compliant	
iii. funeral expenses.			
Clause 44 (2). Subclause (1)(a)(i) and (ii) includes the international tertiary learner's travel to and from their country of origin or citizenship before their educational instruction begins and after it ends (which may be outside of the enrolment period).	Enrolment process Applicant documentation	Compliant	

Clause 44 (3). Subclause (1)(a)(i) does not include the international tertiary learner's travel to other countries unless that travel is primarily for the purpose of embarking on connecting flights to and from New Zealand.		Compliant Under review	
Clause 45. Signatories must have practices that as far as possible will ensure that international tertiary learners are entitled to study in New Zealand under the Immigration Act 2009, including — (a) ensuring that each international tertiary learner who enrols with the signatory has the necessary immigration status for study in New Zealand; and	Enrolment process Applicant documentation	Compliant	
(b) reporting to Immigration New Zealand known or suspected breaches of visa conditions by international tertiary learners; and	Policy	Compliant	
(c) notifying Immigration New Zealand of terminations of enrolment.	Policy	Compliant	
Process 7: Student fee protection and managing withdrawal and closure	Student Fee Protection procedures	Compliant	
Clause 46 (1). Signatories must ensure that –			
(a) fees paid by international tertiary learners are secure and protected in the event of student withdrawal or the ending of educational instruction or the closure of a signatory; and			

(b) its refund policies are fair and reasonable; and	Policy	Compliant	
(c) it provides its international tertiary learners (or the parents or legal guardian of international tertiary learners under 18 years) with sufficient information to understand their rights and obligations under those refund policies.	International Student handbook Policies	Compliant	
Clause 46 (2). A refund policy must include refund conditions for the following situations — (a) failure by an international tertiary learner to obtain a study visa; and (b) voluntary withdrawal by an international tertiary learner; and (c) the signatory ceasing to provide a course of educational instruction as contracted with an international tertiary learner, whether as the result of a decision by the signatory or as required by an education quality assurance agency; and (d) the signatory ceasing to be a signatory; and (e) the signatory ceasing to be a provider.	International Student handbook Policy	Compliant Under review	

Clause 46 (3). In the situation in subclause (2)(c) or (d), the tertiary signatory must deal with fees paid for services not delivered or the unused portion of fees paid as follows –	Policy Student Fee Protection	Compliant		
 (a) refund the amount in question to the international tertiary learner (or the learner's parent or legal guardian); or (b) if directed by the international tertiary learner or the code administrator or the agency responsible for fee protection mechanisms, transfer the amount agreed with the student (or the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is under 18 years) to another signatory. 				

Outcome 11: International learners receive appropriate orientations, information and advice

Signatories must ensure that international tertiary learners have the opportunity to participate in well-designed and age-appropriate orientation programmes and continue to receive relevant information and advice to support achievement, wellbeing and safety.

Phase in the gap analysis process:	PREPARE	MAKE SENSI		
Key required processes	Information we can gather to use	COMPLIANT	GAP	GAP
	as evidence of our compliance		(in evidence)	(in practice)
	with this clause			
Process 1: Provision of information	Website	Compliant		
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Clause 48.				
Signatories must –				
(a) ensure that information and advice provided by the signatory to international tertiary learners is accurate, age-appropriate, up to date and presented in a way that meets the ongoing needs of diverse learners; and				
 (b) ensure that ongoing provision of information and advice is appropriate to the needs of the learner (or the parents or legal guardian of international learners under 18 years) within the particular learning, communal and residential context; and 	Website International Student Handbook Pastoral care team	Compliant Under review		
(c) provide the names and contact details of designated staff members responsible for international tertiary learner support; and	Orientation Pastoral care team	Compliant Under review		currently no devoted College mobile phone

(d) provide appropriate information relating to health and safety of international tertiary learners (including in relation to any disabilities or impairments a learner may have); and	Policy Disability Action Plan Additional Needs register	Compliant
(e) provide information about the termination of enrolment; and	Policy International Student Handbook	Compliant Under review
(f) provide information to international tertiary learners (or the parents or legal guardian of international learners under 18 years) about their legal rights and obligations and, where possible, the risks when learners receive or accept advice or services; and	International Student Handbook Pastoral care team	Compliant
(g) provide information about the international tertiary learner's rights and entitlements, including any entitlement to a fee refund, if the learner voluntarily withdraws from the educational instruction; and	International Student Handbook Policy	Compliant

 (h) provide each international tertiary learner with full information and advice on — i. all relevant policies of the signatory; and ii. the services, support, and facilities that the signatory offers; and iii. where applicable, how to adjust to a different cultural environment; and iv. where applicable — (a) minimum wages and labour conditions in New Zealand; and (b) maximum hours of work permitted under visa conditions; and (c) how to access information and support regarding employment; and (d) how to report misconduct by employers; and 	International Student Handbook Enrolment documentation Website	Compliant	
(i) for an international tertiary learner under 18 years ensure where applicable, that any parent, legal guardian, or residential caregiver of the learner has access to the information, advice or programme that has been provided to the learner.	N/A		

Outcome 12: Safety and appropriate supervision of international tertiary learners

Signatories ensure that international tertiary learners are safe and appropriately supervised in their accommodation and effectively communicate with the parents or legal guardian of learners under 18 years.

Phase in the gap analysis process:	PREPARE	MAKE SENSE		
Key required processes	Information we can gather to use as evidence of our compliance with this clause	COMPLIANT	GAP (in evidence)	GAP (in practice)
Process 1: International tertiary learners under 18 years	N/A – no learners under 18			
Clause 50. In relation to international tertiary learners under 18 years, each signatory must have additional practices including — (a) not enrolling an international tertiary learner 10 years or older but under 18 years who does not live with a parent or legal guardian unless — i. the learner is in a properly supervised group of learners whose educational instruction is not for more than 3 months; or ii. the learner is in the care of the manager of tertiary student accommodation covered in Part 5 of this code; or iii. the learner is in the care of a residential caregiver; and				
(b) maintaining effective communications with the parents, legal guardian, or residential caregivers of international tertiary learners concerning their wellbeing and progress in study; and	N/A			

(c) ensuring that at least 1 staff member is designated to proactively monitor and address any concerns about international tertiary learners under 18 years; and	N/A		
(d) if the international tertiary learner is in the care of a residential caregiver, –	N/A		
a. ensuring that a plan is in place for the transfer of care of the learner from the residential caregiver to the learner's parent or legal guardian, or another person approved by the parent or legal guardian, for –			
(a) each transfer that occurs during the period of enrolment; and (b) the transfer that occurs at the end of enrolment; and b. ensuring that the parent or legal guardian is notified of each transfer plan.			
Process 2: International tertiary learners under 10 years	N/a no learners under 10		
Clause 51 (1). Each signatory must ensure that its international tertiary learners under 10 years live with a parent or legal guardian			
Clause 51 (2). The requirements in clauses 49 and 50 apply, in addition to this clause, to international tertiary learners who are under 10 years.			

Process 3: Decisions requiring written agreement of parent or legal guardian	N/A		
Clause 52. Each signatory must ensure that, where appropriate, it obtains the written agreement of the parent or legal guardian of an international tertiary learner under 18 years with respect to decisions affecting the learner.			
Process 4: Accommodation for international tertiary learners under 18 years	N/A		
Clause 53 (1). In relation to an international tertiary learner under 18 years who is in the care of a residential caregiver while living in accommodation that is not subject to Part 5 of this code, the signatory must –			
 (a) ensure that the learner's accommodation is safe, is in acceptable condition, and meets all regulatory and legislative requirements; and 			
(b) ensure that the safety check referred to in clause 54 is completed and is up to date; and	N/A		
(c) ensure that an appropriate check is completed and is up to date for each person who is 18 years or over and who resides at the residential caregiver's accommodation, for the purpose of ensuring the safety of the learner; and	N/A		
(d) have a written agreement with the residential caregiver that specifies the role and responsibilities of each party in relation to the care of the learner; and	N/A		

(e) maintain effective communication with the learner and the learner's parent or legal guardian when accommodation issues arise, and take responsibility for addressing those issues, including reporting them to relevant authorities and moving learners to appropriate accommodation; and	N/A
(f) conduct sufficient learner interviews and home visits to monitor and review the quality of residential care, taking into consideration the age of the learner, the length of the stay, and other relevant factors; and	N/A
(g) if the learner's residential caregiver is a designated caregiver ensure that the parent or legal guardian of the learner has provided written agreement that the designated caregiver will be subject to the signatory's approval and that the signatory is not responsible for the learner's day-to-day care when the learner is in the custody of the designated caregiver; and	N/A
(h) if the learner's residential caregiver is a supervisor described in clause 54(3), ensure that the parent or legal guardian of the learner has provided written agreement that the signatory is not responsible for the learner's day-to-day care when the learner is in the custody of that supervisor; and	N/A
(i) ensure that there is appropriate separation of international tertiary learners from others of different ages in the accommodation; and	N/A
(j) ensure that the learner is appropriately supervised in the accommodation.	N/A

Clause 53 (2). For the purposes of clause 53(1)(c), a person who is 18 years or over and who resides at the residential caregiver's accommodation includes a person of that age who — (a) temporarily resides at that accommodation; or (b) is or will be residing at that accommodation for 1 or more periods in any month (whether or not for valuable consideration), each period of which is 5 or more consecutive nights.	N/A
Clause 53 (3). To avoid doubt, if the residential caregiver is a supervisor described in clause 54(3) or a designated caregiver, the signatory must meet the requirements of this clause and ensure the safety, health, and wellbeing of the international tertiary learner.	N/A
Process 5: Safety checks and appropriate checks for learners under 18 years Clause 54 (1). The safety check for the residential caregiver referred to in clause 53(1)(b) must include — (a) a confirmation of identity; and	N/A
 (b) a reference check that includes contacting at least 1 of the following persons or bodies for the purpose of obtaining information that the signatory considers relevant to a risk assessment – the residential caregiver's current or previous employer, professional body, or registration authority; and 	N/A

 ii. the licensing authority that is relevant to the residential caregiver's business or professional activities; and iii. a person who is not related to the residential caregiver; and 	
(c) a police vet, to obtain information that is relevant to a risk assessment; and	N/A
(d) an interview with the residential caregiver, to obtain information that the signatory considers relevant to a risk assessment; and	N/A
(e) a risk assessment that takes into account all of the information that was obtained under paragraphs (a) to (d), to determine whether the residential caregiver poses a risk to the safety of the international tertiary learner; and	N/A
Clause 54 (2). The safety check for the residential caregiver referred to in clause 53(1)(b) is up to date if it is completed within 3 years after the date of the latest safety check.	N/A
Clause 54 (3). Subclause 53(1)(b) to (e) does not apply to a residential caregiver who –	
 (a) is a supervisor referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of residential caregiver in clause 5(1); and (b) is not a resident of New Zealand; and (c) is travelling with, and accompanying, the international tertiary learner for the purpose of supervising them during the learner's educational instruction. 	

Clause 54 (4). An appropriate check referred to in clause 53(1)(c) is up to date if it is completed within 3 years after the date of the latest check.			
Process 6: Accommodation for international tertiary learners 18 or over	N/A		
Clause 55 (1). In relation to an international tertiary learner 18 years or over who lives in accommodation provided or arranged by a signatory and not subject to Part 5 , the signatory must –			
 (a) ensure that the learner's accommodation is safe, is in acceptable condition, and meets all regulatory and legislative requirements; and 			
(b) maintain effective communication with the learner when accommodation issues arise, and must take responsibility for addressing those issues, including reporting them to relevant authorities.	N/A		
Clause 55 (2). In this clause, accommodation issues include issues of health and wellbeing arising from a learner's accommodation or connected with it.			