



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga

**Memorandum of Understanding
regarding the use of the Programme for the
International Assessment of Adult
Competencies dataset**

between

**Ministry of Education
and
Auckland Council**

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1 Parties

Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) are the:

- Ministry of Education (MoE)
- Auckland Council

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this MoU is to record the parties' understanding and agreement regarding the use of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) dataset.

3 Preamble

- 3.1 MoE was responsible in New Zealand for undertaking PIAAC. PIAAC is an OECD international study which directly measures adults' skills in literacy, numeracy and problem solving in technology-rich environments. New Zealand took part in a 2014 second round of PIAAC following an earlier first round. Under contract to MoE, the National Research Bureau administered PIAAC to a representative sample of New Zealand adults. The PIAAC Consortium has undertaken quality assurance across a wide range of design, implementation and data factors.
- 3.2 MoE wishes to provide a version of the PIAAC dataset to the Auckland Council for use in undertaking Auckland PIAAC analysis. This may include relevant comparisons and analysis between Auckland and all of New Zealand, or between different sub-regions of Auckland, where the sample size supports the analysis.

4 Scope

- 4.1 This MoU establishes a framework for the Auckland Council to use the PIAAC dataset.

5 Framework for use of the PIAAC

- 5.1 MoE will provide advice and assistance about the dataset and its use.
- 5.2 The Auckland Council will ensure the security of the PIAAC dataset.
- 5.3 The Auckland Council will ensure that the confidentiality and privacy of the people who responded to PIAAC are protected.
- 5.4 The Auckland Council will use the PIAAC data only for statistical or research purposes.
- 5.5 The Auckland Council will provide a draft of any research report to MoE, for comment or peer review, before publication to a mutually agreed timetable.
- 5.6 The Auckland Council may publish findings from research using the PIAAC dataset that it undertakes.

Signatories and Dates

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