



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

between

**Ministry of Education  
and  
New Zealand Institute for Economic Research**

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## **1 Parties**

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

- Ministry of Education (MoE)
- New Zealand Institute for Economic Research (NZIER)

## **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 The Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) wishes to provide the version of the PIAAC dataset it holds to NZIER for use in undertaking PIAAC analysis under contract to MBIE.

## **4 Scope**

- 4.1 This MoU establishes a framework for NZIER to use the PIAAC dataset.
- 4.2 Both this MoU and the terms of the All of Government Consultancy Services Order between NZIER and MBIE about undertaking the PIAAC analysis apply to the provision of the PIAAC dataset to NZIER and to NZIER's use of the PIAAC dataset.

## **5 Framework for use of the PIAAC dataset**

- 5.1 MoE will provide advice and assistance about the dataset and its use.
- 5.2 NZIER will ensure the security of the PIAAC dataset.
- 5.3 NZIER will ensure that the confidentiality and privacy of the people who responded to PIAAC are protected.
- 5.4 NZIER will use the PIAAC data only for statistical or research purposes.
- 5.5 MBIE may publish findings from the research that NZIER undertakes using the PIAAC dataset.

## **6 Conflict Resolution**

A harmonious and professional working relationship is necessary to achieve the specific and common aims of both parties. From time to time differences of

opinion may arise. In the first instance such differences should be resolved at the level and location at which they occur. If this is not possible, the matter at issue will be forwarded to the line managers of the signatories for resolution.

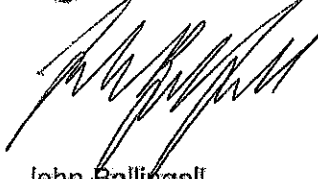
## **7 Term and Duration**

The MoU:


- is to be in effect from the date of signing until revised;
- can be modified by mutual agreement at any time;
- will be in effect as long as the PIAAC dataset is being used by NZIER.

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