

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

between

**Ministry of Education  
and  
School of Social Sciences,  
Auckland University of Technology**

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## **1 Parties**

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

- Ministry of Education (MoE)
- School of Social Sciences, Auckland University of Technology (School)

## **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 School for use in undertaking PIAAC analysis.

## **4 Scope**

- 4.1 This MoU establishes a framework for the School 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 School will ensure the security of the PIAAC dataset.
- 5.3 The School will ensure that the confidentiality and privacy of the people who responded to PIAAC are protected.
- 5.4 The School will use the PIAAC data only for statistical or research purposes.
- 5.5 The School 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 School may publish findings from research using the PIAAC dataset that it undertakes.

## **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 the School.

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**Signatories and Dates**



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