

## **Barber Letter**

Email to [VocationalEducation.Reform@education.govt.nz](mailto:VocationalEducation.Reform@education.govt.nz).

### **Re: Feedback on Reform of Vocational Education**

Hi,

I am a professional barber and work in a successful business.

There is a growing need for fully qualified people in our industry.

I think it might be a problem if all the training is shifted to being done by a polytech, as they do not understand what it is really like to work in a commercial business. And, if they have to look after all of the different industries, they won't focus on what our industry needs.

The apprentices that work with ITOs can complete their whole training in the workplace so they get real skills needed in the job as well as getting their qualification.

They get properly trained by someone who is qualified and working everyday in the industry. And they get to earn some money at the same time, rather than getting a big student loan.

They also get visited by their sales and training advisor from the ITO who is someone that understands our industry and the skills needed to be successful.

I agree that there needs to be changes so the ITPs and polytechnics don't keep needing government bail outs.

I don't think you need to change the apprenticeships in the workplace that we already have.

### **My suggestion**

Keep the ITOs going in the current form until you have the polytechnics sorted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.