

Apprentice letter - Barbering

Email to VocationalEducation.Reform@education.govt.nz.

Re: Feedback on Reform of Vocational Education

I'm a barbering apprentice training at the best barbershop in town.

It's really great that I can get qualified in the workplace and be paid while I am doing training.

I think it's a good idea to have more consistency across what is offered in polytechnics, so it will make choice easier for students.

None of the polytechnics are really used to looking after on-job learners. If you lump me in with all their classroom learners, I'll lose the opportunities I currently have.

I like the support we get from our sales and training advisor. She is a qualified hairdresser and understands my business. My trainer and assessors are barbers who are proper industry people and know what it takes to be a successful barber.

Our ITO helps to raise the profile of our industries and encourages people to become qualified. There are special opportunities for apprentices – the competitions and industry events like BarberCraft and Apprentice of the Year are great. I wouldn't want to lose them.

Keep it real – with real industry people making the decisions about the qualifications and about the support for training.

My suggestion

Sort the polytechnics first and leave the ITOs as they are for now.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback