

Apprentice letter - Hairdressing

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

Re: Feedback on Reform of Vocational Education

Hi,

I'm a hairdressing apprentice and I really value the opportunity to get my qualification in the workplace and be paid while I am training.

I chose not to go to a provider as I had heard they did not make you as ready for work as you would be doing an apprenticeship. They also charge you a lot more money for the courses.

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, but I also want the option of doing a qualification in a salon.

Currently none of the polytechnics are used to looking after on-job learners. I am concerned if you lump me in with all their classroom based learners, I will lose the support and opportunities I currently have with the present system.

I like the support we get from our sales and training advisor. She is from our industry and really knows what it takes to be successful.

Our ITO helps to raise the profile of our industries and encourages people to become qualified. There are special opportunities for apprentices – such as competitions and industry events like BarberCraft and Apprentice of the Year.

I'm concerned that if our training is arranged by people at polytechnic, rather than people from our industry, it won't be as good as it is now.

My suggestion

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

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback