



FAQs

What is a PTE?

A Private Training Establishment (PTE) is an institution that has been approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to deliver programmes and qualifications from foundation level to postgraduate level, depending on its educational subject areas. For Connexis we would be delivering training programmes from Level 2 – 6 focussed on the needs of the infrastructure industries we serve and will also look to explore degree level apprenticeships.

As a PTE, how will Connexis work with other training providers who are PTEs?

As a work-based learning PTE, Connexis can and will continue to sub-contract training to our current training providers, so you will be able to continue to use your trainer of choice.

Connexis will also be able to deliver training direct, which will allow us to be more responsive to customer needs and will allow us to provide increased training support to our learners and employers. For those that remember the ITO days, Connexis was not legally allowed to train as we were also the gazetted standard setting body for Infrastructure. This change to being able to train provides flexibility for us to increase the support to employers for on-job training.

We are aware that employers are looking for increased training options not less, so it is important that we support a system that retains our current training providers.

When Connexis is a PTE, will there still be access to the existing assessors?

Yes, Connexis will continue to operate with our registered Connexis assessors, who are a critical part of the industry training system and you should continue to have access to your existing assessor.

What will the difference be for how Connexis is operating now to when it is a PTE?

Currently Connexis is operating within a Crown entity. As a PTE, Connexis will return to being industry led and owned, making Connexis a step removed from Government. This means Connexis will no longer be caught up in the political cycle and the ongoing changes that come from different political party approaches that we have experience over the past 5 years.

Connexis will be able to focus and invest all its resources on industry workforce needs rather than political government priorities of the changing VET sector.

Connexis will also be able to undertake training, providing for increased flexibility in how we support and respond to industry workforce challenges.