



Arboriculture

This moderation report covers activities for the period July-September 2025.

Over this period we called for **44 ākonga (learner) assessment samples** from **six providers** delivering standards in this industry. These were desk-based moderated.

Our moderators agreed with 79% of the providers assessment judgements. This was a slight increase on 2024 where the verification rate was 75%. The 'across all sector' verification rate for the same period was 81%.

The main reasons for assessments not being verified were that assessors provided insufficient evidence, and that assessors were not using the marking guide for marking learner assessments.

Tertiary Education Organisation results show five of six providers moderated met the moderation requirements. There were many examples of good practice assessment that our moderators were able to feedback to the provider.

Over this period, we met online with nine providers, two of which were delivering standards relevant to Arboriculture. At the hui we discussed their programme performance, support of Māori learners and pre and post assessment moderation results.

Interventions to improve verification rates and support providers have been in place sector-wide, such as hui whakapūmau provider site visits, online seminars, and professional development workshops conducted face-to-face for individual providers.

Moderation results, positive or otherwise, are discussed with the provider, and followed up with a report. Any actions for improvements are agreed to with the provider and implemented.